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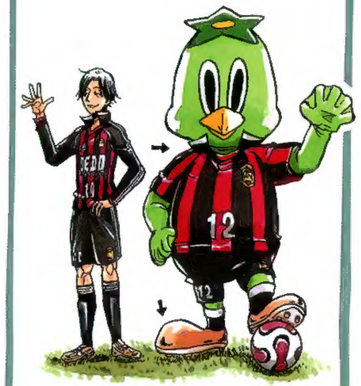

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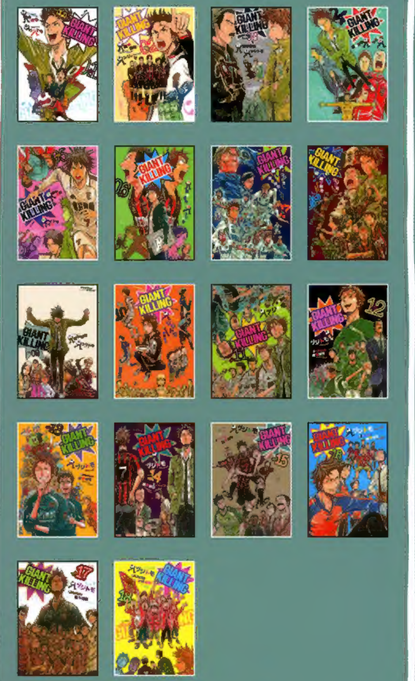
雨のウィッセル神戸戦後半、ようやく梅が目を覚ます！
この勢いで盛り返せば、ETUは6戦連続無敗なのだが……!?
そして次なる相手は、連海にゾッコンな監督・佐倉率いる
モンテビア山形。あれ……？ なんだか……
やり辛いぞ、このチーム!?

HISTORY OF ETU



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LEAGUE JAPAN DIVISION 1

HOME

MONTEDIA YAMAGATA

VS

AWAY

EAST TOKYO UNITED

STARTING LINEUP

GK	1	NOMURA	GK	23	SANO
DF	14	MURATA	DF	5	ISHIGAMI
DF	22	OHKURA	DF	3	SUGIE
DF	3	MENDES	DF	2	KURODA
DF	4	NAKANO	DF	16	KIYOKAWA
DF	6	HASEGAWA	DF	6	MURAKOSHI
DF	8	SEKO	DF	8	HOTTA
MF	5	KOMORI	MF	15	AKASAKI
MF	23	MARUOKA	MF	10	GINO
MF	11	KEN	FW	20	SERA
FW	15	KANNO	FW	11	NATSUKI

COACH

HITOSHI SAKURA

COACH

TAKESHI TATSUMI

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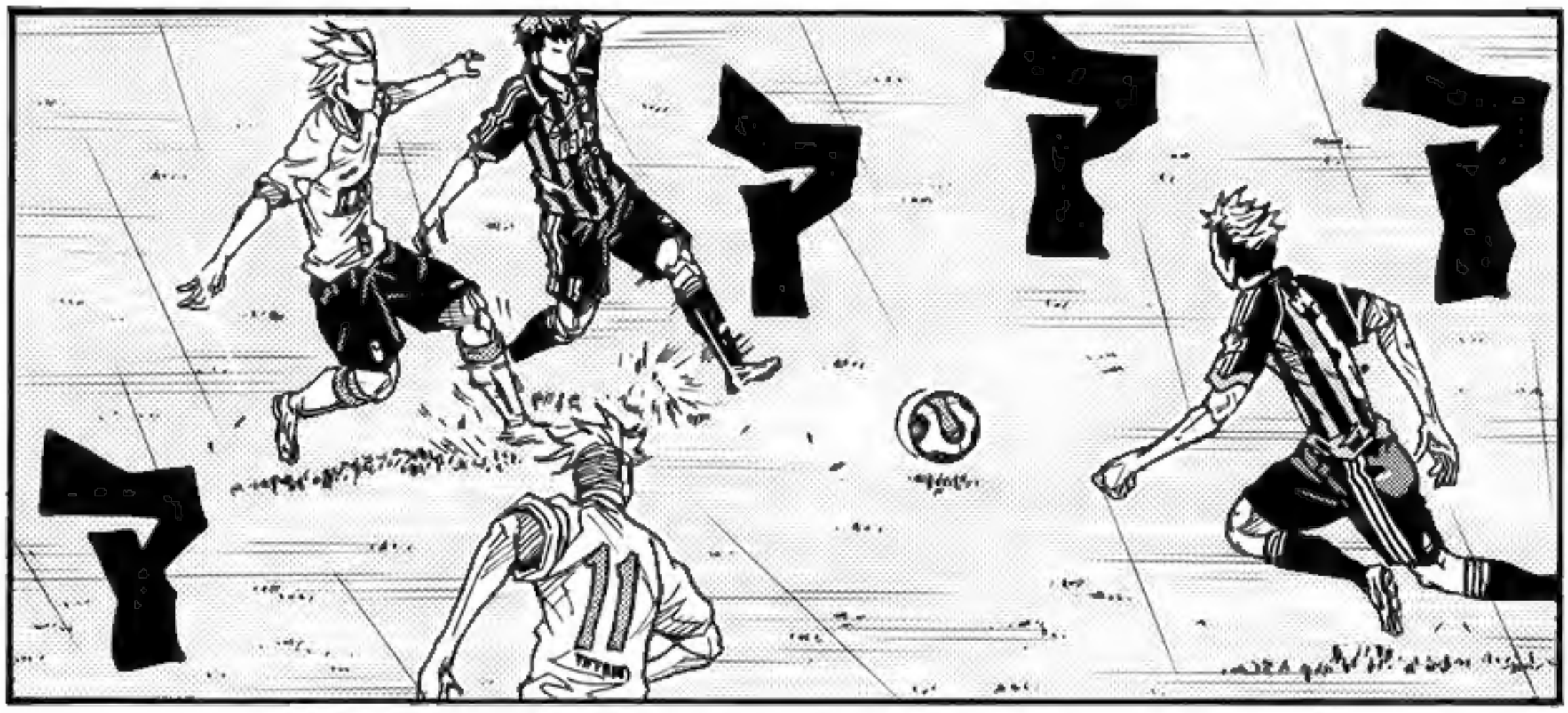
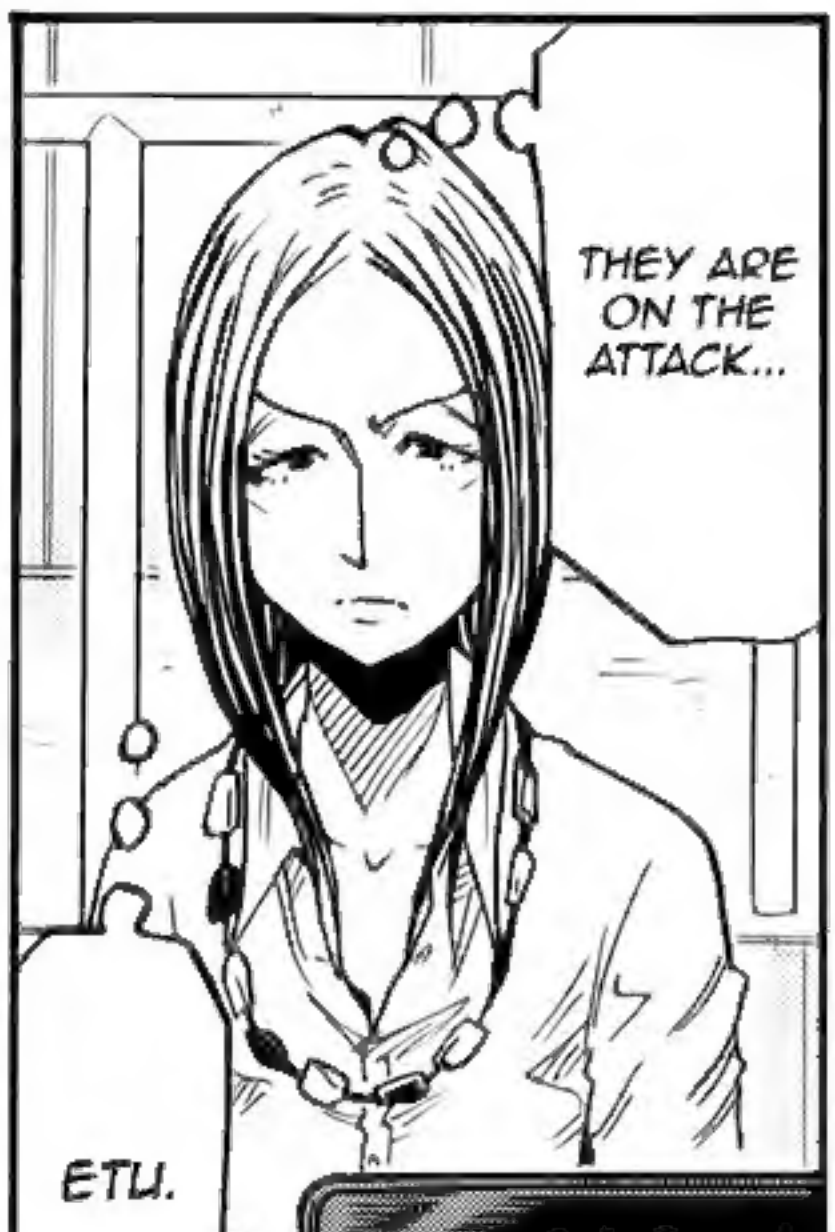


NO DOUBT THAT IN THE SECOND HALF,
ETU HAS HAD MORE POSSES-SION,


THEY ARE ON THE ATTACK...
ETU.

BUT IT'S AS IF THEY
"ARE ALLOWED TO HAVE" THE BALL...

CAN JUST HANDLE ETU'S ATTACKS WITHOUT STRAINING THEMSELVES.

KOBE, THAT ARE LEADING,

ETU IS...

ON THE OTHER HAND,

COUNTER-ATTACK IS COMING!

DAH.

GET BACK! BACK!

Ghn

Haa

Haa

WHAT ARE YOU DOING, NATSU-SAN.

YOUR START WAS LATE.

AH

NATSUKI DIDN'T MAKE IT!

AFTER ALL THIS, MORE THAN JUST A GOAL DIFFER-ENCE, MAYBE THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE TEAMS STARTED TO SHOW...

THEIR ATTACKS ALSO BECAME INCONSISTENT AND ONLY DRAIN STAMINA AWAY.

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THEN WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO, COACH-SAN?

IT'S GETTING ALL THE MORE DANGER-OUS.

DOWAH! IT'S SHINDOU!!

KAMEI, STOP HIM!!

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Kh...

SHIN

DO-

NOT-

WITH ME!!!

MESS-

OOH! NO FOUL! THAT WAS CLOSE!!

O...

OBVI-OUSLY.

FOUL! FOUL!

REFER-EE!

OOH.

NICE, KURO-SAN.

GOOD! NICE FIGHT, KURODA!!

AS EXPECTED OF THE MAN WHO EXCELS IN THE SUMMER!

KURO-DA!

phew

DON'T FORGET YOU AL-READY HAVE 1 YELLOW CARD!

COM-PARED TO HIM, THE OTHER GUYS ARE...

BECAUSE THE GAME ISN'T GOING WELL, THE FATIGUE STARTED TO SHOW SOONER, HUH...

IT'S ONLY 17 MINUTES IN THE SECOND HALF...

Geh

GYA!

HERE HE PUTS A FAST WINGER...

LET'S MAKE A SUBSTI-TUTION AL-READY!

PRINCE!

WHO?

THE OTHER TEAM PUT IN SOME FRESH LEGS AGAIN!

AND WE ARE GRA-DUALLY GETTING MORE TIRED!

DAMN YOU.

I'M FOR THE FORWARD SUBSTITUTION.

TO REPLACE NATSUKI OR SERA WITH SAKAI!

YEP, BECAUSE WE ARE LOSING NOW.

PRINCE... INDEED HE HASN'T STOOD OUT TODAY,

BUT HE'S NOT TIRED BECAUSE HE DOESN'T RUN?

BUT HE PROUDLY ANSWERED IN THE INTERVIEW THAT ON RAINY DAYS HIS MOTIVATION IS CUT BY HALF!

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BUT ANOTHER GUY LACKS SPIRIT TOO...

IT SURE IS A GOOD POINT THAT PRINCE LACKS SPIRIT...

IT SURELY WON'T GO WELL EVEN FOR OTHER PLAYERS...

IF HE DOESN'T RUN AROUND LIKE ETU'S ENGINE...

WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO, COACH?

NO.

ON THE CONTRARY, WE'LL TAKE A CHANCE BY WAITING AND OBSERVING.

AND USE OUR 3RD SUBSTITUTION?

WITH THINGS LIKE THIS SHOULD WE TAKE OUR CHANCES

JUST A LITTLE MORE...

I'LL BELIEVE IN HIM.

EH?

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HEY!

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EVENTU-
ALLY
THEIR
TIRED-
NESS IS
BOUND
TO SHOW
ITSELF!

THEY
PROBABLY
STILL CAN
ENDURE IT
NOW, BUT...

THE LAST
LINE AND THE
GOALKEEPER
ARE NOT THEIR
BEST MEM-
BERS.

HOSOKAWA
WHO JUST
SWITCHED
IN!!

HE'S
HERE!!

Kh

HE'S FAST!

HE'LL RUN DOWN THE SIDE!!

TSUBAKI, STOP HIM!

.....

THEY GOT IN BEHIND OUT WIDE!

UWAH.

Kh

EVERYONE, COVER TOGETHER!

DON'T LET THE ID PLAYERS GET FREE!

YES! LIKE THAT"

DUH.

THEY SUDDENLY SHOOK US OFF!

.....

BRUNO AND SHINDOU-SAN ARE RUNNING FORWARD TOO!

BUT,

NAGAI-SAN IS COMPLETE-LY FREE!

THERE!!

.....

IN FRONT OF GOAL, FOCUS!

DON'T LOSE AT ANY COST!!

TSU...

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TSUBA-KI!!!

GOOD JOB CATCHING UP WITH HIM!!

FROM THAT DISTANCE HE COULD CATCH UP WITH HOSO-KAWA

WHO RAN UP THE SIDE AT TOP SPEED.

MY BALL! MY BALL!

AS USUAL...

THAT BOY IS SO FAST...!

HEY!

AH...!

GINO!

GET BACK! BACK!

COUNT-ER!

PRINCE! HE WAS IN THE RIGHT PLACE.

.....

HIS GOOFING OFF DURING DEFENSE LED TO A CHANCE!

WELL THEN...

WHY ARE YOU TAKING YOUR SWEET TIME, GINO!

HAHA.

WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE TALKING TO?

QUICKLY START DRIBBLING AND GET THROUGH!

IT'S THE DUTY OF MY PET DOGS.

I WON'T DO SUCH THINGS

SUNKIS

#10

WHERE ARE YOU KICK!...

AKA-SAKI WAS RUNNING THERE!

NICE PASS, PRINCE!

A-SA

Haa

Haa

.....

!!!

AH!

HE MESSED UP THE TRAP!

AKASAKI IS WORN OUT!

IT'S A CHANCE!

GO FOR IT, AKASAKI!

IT WAS BECAUSE YOU MADE A SLOPPY PASS, GINO!

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DAMN.

'KAY, LUCKY FOR US!!

PRESS HIM LIKE THIS AND GET IT OUTSIDE!

I HAVE MORE THAN ONE PET DOG.

TOO BAD.

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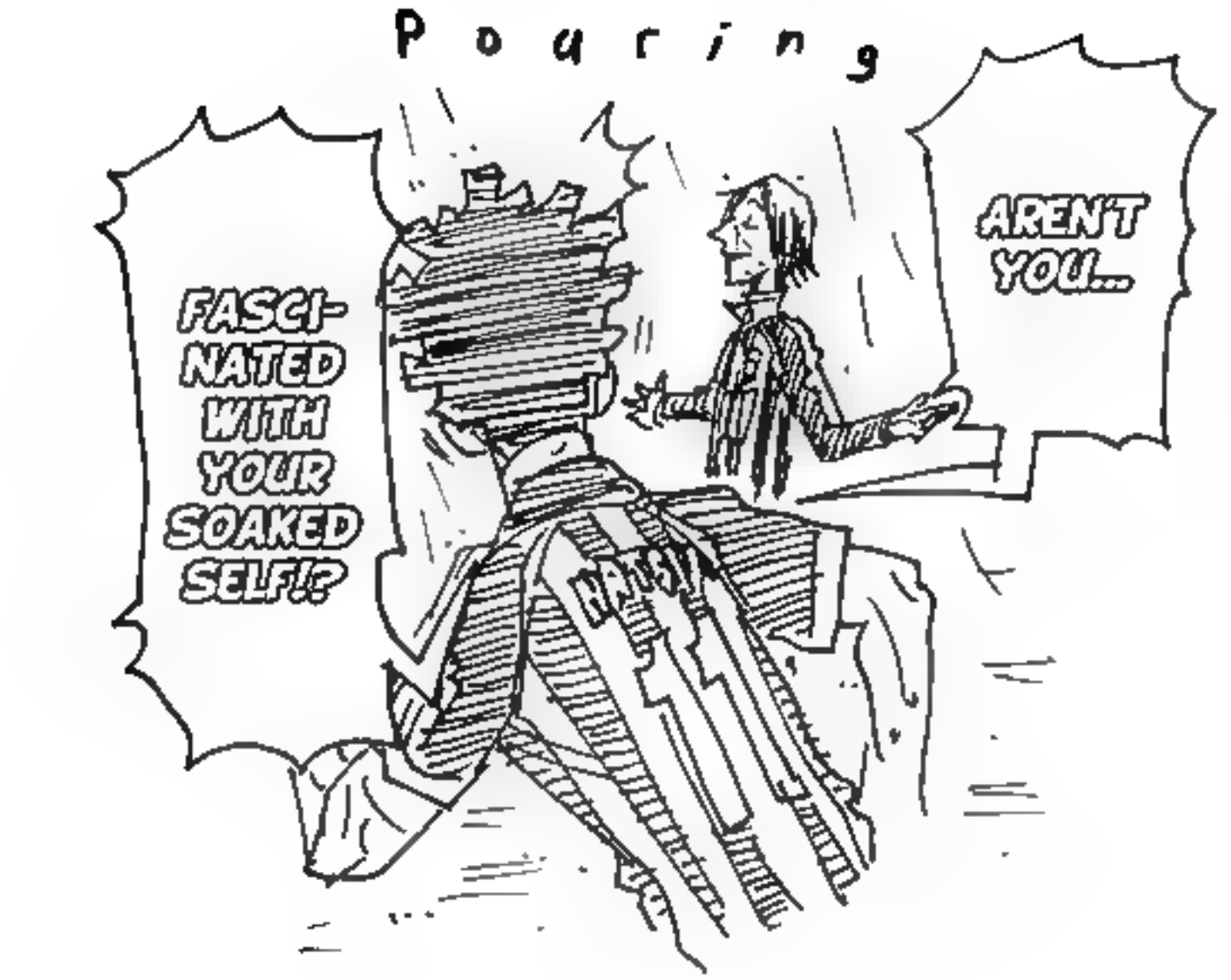
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FASCI-NATED WITH YOUR SOAKED SELF!?
AREN'T YOU...
HA!

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TSUBAKI!

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IF YOU DON'T REDEEM YOURSELF HERE,

I'LL SEND YOU TO THE BENCH RIGHT AWAY!

AND HE AL-READY MADE IT UP HERE "

HIS POSI-TION IS DEEP AND WASN'T IT HIM WHO TOOK A THROW-IN '

TSU-TSUBAKI MADE IT!!

IT'S AS IF HE SLIT THE PITCH IN A STRAIGHT LINE...!

THAT'S RIGHT!

SO FAST!!

GO-!!

THIS IS TSUBAKI!

WATCH CLOSELY, TAKE-BOY!

TSUBA-KI!!!

.....

.....

AND MURA-KOSHI-SAN MOTIVATING ME...

DORI-SAN'S WORDS...

AND COACH PUTTING ME IN GAMES...

AND EVERYONE RECOGNIZING ME AS A MEMBER OF THE TEAM...

HE SHOOK HIS MARK OFF JUST BY CUTTING BACK!

Guvah

SO MANY PEOPLE HAVE HIGH HOPES...

AND WHEN I'M STANDING HERE...

IF I DIDN'T TRY TO LIVE UP TO THAT,

I'D HAVE NO RIGHT TO KICK THE BALL...

I'D...

I'D BE NOTHING!!

AAAH!

GO-!!!

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DAH!

HE MISSED!!

OUR LONG-AWAITED BIG CHANCE!!

IF ONLY IT FELL ABOUT ONE BALL LOWER!

DAMN IT.

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KEEP ON LIKE THIS!

IT WAS GOOD! GOOD! TSUBAKI!!

THAT'S OUR TSUBAKI!!

KEEP RUNNING, MORE AND MORE!!

THAT'S RIGHT, TSUBAKI!

KEEP ON MOVING UP ON THE SIDE!

THERE'S STILL PLENTY OF TIME!

DO YOUR BEST, TSUBAKI!!

TSUBA-KI!

TSUBA-KI!

TSUBA-KI!!

TSUBA-KI!

TSUBA-KI!

TSUBA-KI!

OEDO

ELEVEN

DEDO FOOTBALL

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TIALS

RE BORN

ON

AH.

...MN.

HE'S MUCH MORE AMAZING THAN THIS, TAKE-BOY!

OOH, A TSUBAKI CHANT!

I FORGOT THAT I BROUGHT IT!

DAMMIT !!

SURELY HE'LL SHINE EVEN MORE WITH HIS PLAY FROM NOW ON!

THE SKULLS FINALLY REALIZED HOW GOOD TSUBAKI IS!

PEOPLE WHO SUPPORT ME AREN'T ONLY FROM THE TEAM...

THE SUPPORTERS ARE CHEERING FOR ME WITH ALL THEIR MIGHT TOO, AREN'T THEY?

RIGHT...

YOU ARE ALSO ETU'S SUPPORT-ERS, RIGHT!?

HELP ME A LITTLE!

!

疾風 椿 7 大介

Lightning Tsubaki Daisuke

ETU

I CAN'T LOSE...

WE'RE GOING TO WIN THIS MATCH...!

IT SEEMS THE RIGHT SIDE WILL WORK OUT IN THE END...

OUR TIME OF ENDURING ENDS HERE.

HEH.

GOOD FLOW.

OOH.

THE RAIN STOPPED BEFORE WE KNEW IT.

WE BEGIN OUR COUNTER-ATTACK NOW!

WATCH IT KOJI!

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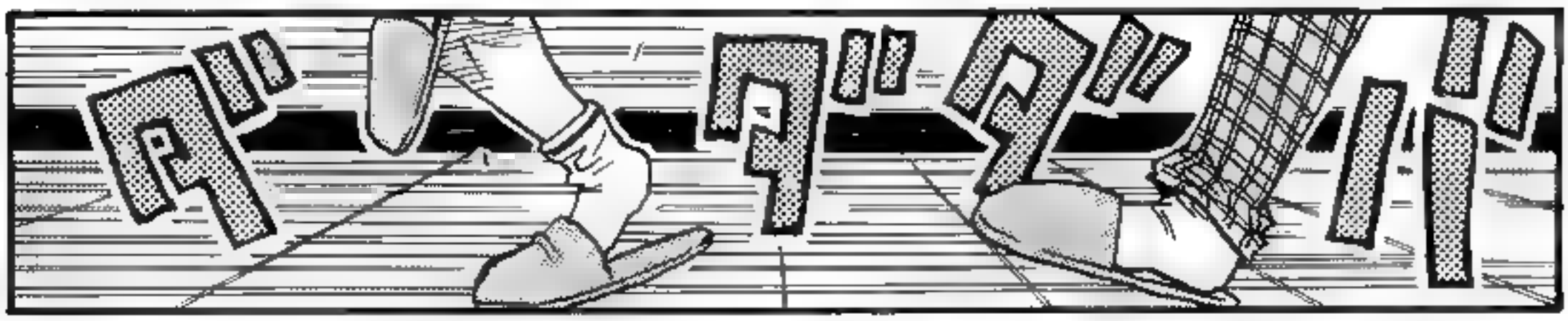
2F Montebia Yamagata's club house

1F General gymnasium



I-I'M NOT RUNNING AWAY.
BY CHANCE THE WAY WE ARE HEADING TO IS THE SAME.
THEN YOU DON'T NEED TO RUN!!
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WAIT NOW, MARU!
DON'T RUN AWAY!

ANYHOW YOU ARE JUST GOING TO TATTLE TO THE CLUB STAFF...

THAT I FORCED YOU TO TREAT ME TO DINNER!

NO MATTER HOW MUCH TIME PASSES YOUR BUL-LIED-CHILD INCLINATION DOESN'T CHANGE!

BECAUSE YOU WERE LIKE THIS SINCE WE WERE KIDS...

EVEN IF YOU SHAKE YOUR HEAD...

shake shake

.....

I'M RIGHT ON MARK BECAUSE YOU CAN'T SAY ANY-THING BACK!

ST-STOP IT, KAN-CHAN.

DOWAAH!!

<SFX: TA-DAH>

O-O-
OUCH..

S-SORRY, MENDES.

YOU WERE STILL HERE..

I-I'M VERY SORRY, MENDES-SAN!

BUT HEAR ME OUT, PLEASE! KAN-CHAN MADE ME...

YOU SHOULDN'T RUN IN THE HALLWAY.

IT'S THE SAME FOR SCHOOL, HOSPITAL AND CLUB HOUSE.

MOREVER, YOU SHOULD BE QUIET NOW.

IF YOU WANT TO KNOW WHY, IT'S BECAUSE SAKURA

IS STUDYING THE NEXT OPPONENT FOR OUR SAKE.

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ETU JUST GOT THE BALL AGAIN!

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BUT KOBE RIGHT NOW CAN'T QUITE GET A SHOT OFF.

IS IT BECAUSE ETU'S DE-FENSE IN THE MIDDLE IS WORK-ING...

NO... HE PLAYED IT OUT-SIDE

AND CUT INTO THE MIDDLE...!

FROM GINO TO AKA-SAKI.

NOW, WILL AKASAKI ATTACK WITH HIS SPECIAL-TY - THE DRIBBLE...!

TSUBAKI AGAIN!

THE ONE WHO RAN UP TO THE RIGHT SIDE IS...

WILL AKASAKI SHOOT!?

HE PASSED THE LAY-OFF PASS BACK TO AKASAKI!

DEFENDER YONEYAMA, NICE CLEAR-ANCE!

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AHHH, CLEARED!

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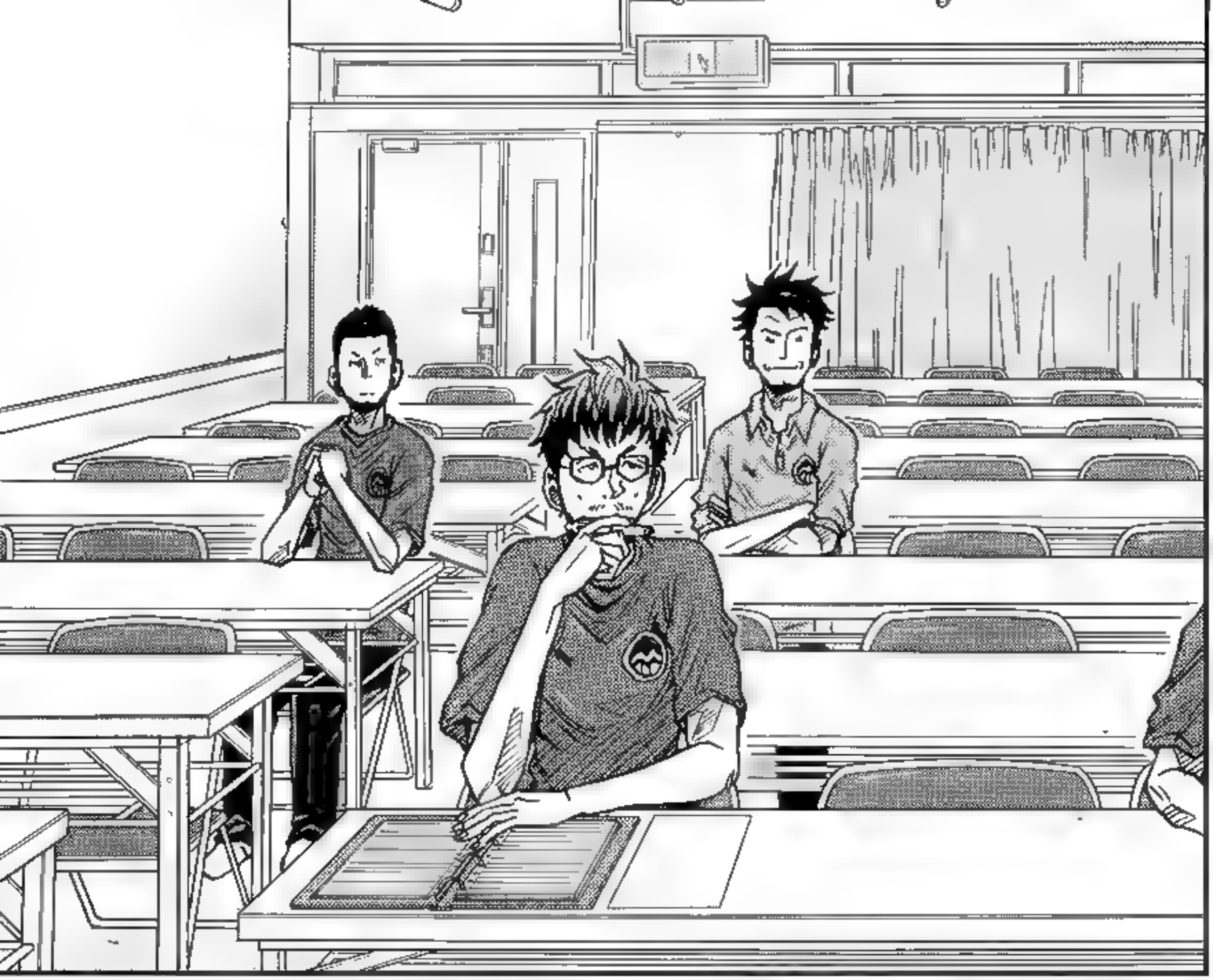

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DID THEY COM-PLETELY RECO-VER?

NO MATTER HOW MUCH ETU ATTACKS, IF IT DOESN'T LEAD TO GOALS,
THAT MEANS KOBE WAS THE MORE EXPERI-ENCED, TRICKY SIDE.

I'M NOT SO SURE, KEN.
KOBE IS STILL LEADING.

ETU I MEAN.

BUT YOU ARE GRINNING, AREN'T YOU, SAKURA?

YOU ARE SAYING THAT,

IT'S... HEHE... NOT LIKE THAT...

S-STOP IT, KEN!

reaches

S-STOP IT! IT'LL AFFECT THE MORALE!

WHEN ETU IS IN A GREAT FORM, IT'S ALWAYS LIKE THIS.

THE COACH IS A BIG FAN OF TATSUMI.

EVERYONE HAS A PLAYER THEY ADMIRE.

HAHAHA. LET HIM BE.

I'M NOT WORRIED AT ALL, SAKURA.

YOU ARE A MAN WHO WILL DEVOTE YOUR ALL TO A CHALLENGE WHEN THE TIME COMES

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ESPECIALLY NOW, WHEN YOU ARE IN THE SAME POSITION AND CAN FIGHT ON THE SAME STAGE,

YOUR FEELINGS ARE EVEN STRONGER, RIGHT?

GAVE US A GOOD MATCH AND BROUGHT US TO A DRAW, RIGHT?

WHEN WE PLAYED AGAINST ETU LAST TIME, YOU TOOK COMMAND WITH A STERN LOOK

OOH

KEN-SAN AND THE COACHING STAFF ARE ALSO HERE.

WAS TOO NERVOUS AND GOT ALL STIFF...

AT THAT TIME I SIMPLY

SOMETIMES WE, VETERAN PLAYERS AND COACHING STAFF, GATHER TOGETHER...

AND EXCHANGE OUR OPINIONS...

BEFORE AN IMPORTANT MATCH...

IF THE GAME DAYS ARE DIFFERENT AND WE HAVE TIME TO WATCH THE OPPONENT'S MATCH...

SINCE IT'S HAPPENING NOW

THAT MEANS THE NEXT MATCH HELDS A VERY IMPORTANT MEANING FOR US.

INDEED, I CAN'T DENY MY ADMIRATION TOWARDS TATSUMI-SAN...

BUT THOSE FEELINGS AREN'T JUST THAT...

DID HIS BEST WITH AN IMPRO-VISED TEAM,

HIT AT THE [illegible] WEAK SPOT AND BROUGHT THEM DOWN.

THE MAN.

COME TO THINK OF IT, HE'S FACING THE SAME CHALLENGE AT ETU.

ETU

HE GETS THE BEST OUT OF THE PLAYERS THAT HE HAS.

AND THAT

CALLED YAMA-GATA.

IS THE SAME FOR ME WHO LEADS AN EQUALLY SMALL CLUB

FINDS THE JOY IN THAT KIND OF COACHING WORK.

IT'D BE PRESUMP-TUOUS TO CALL US RIVALS, BUT...

AND YAMA-GATA'S PROGRESS.

FIGHTING YOU, WHO HAS SIMILAR VIEWS OF FOOTBALL, WILL LEAD TO MY GROWTH...

THAT'S WHY...

TATTSUMI.

I WANT TO PLAY AGAINST YOU WHEN BOTH OUR TEAMS ARE IN GREAT CONDITION,

NOT MUCH TIME IS LEFT TOO!

YEAH! TANBA COMES IN!

ABOUT TIME FOR A FINAL PUSH!

WE USED ALL OUR SUBSTI-TUTIONS!

'KAY.

I'M COUNTING ON YOU.

THEY ARE ALMOST IN A 4-1-2-3 FORMATION.

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TSUBAKI KEEPS PLAYING UP HIGH.

TANBA REPLACED AKASAKI ON THE RIGHT.

MURAKOSHI MOVED DOWN TO PLAY FULL-BACK, HOTTA IS THE ONLY DE-FENSIVE MID-FIELDER.

ARE THEY GOING TO ATTACK ENTIRELY THROUGH OUR LEFT SIDE...?

DAMN ...

NO PROBLEM AT ALL!

IF THEY ARE ATTACKING THE SAME POINT, IT'S EASIER FOR THOSE WHO DEFEND!

CONCENTRATE ON DEFENSE AND AIM FOR A COUNTER-ATTACK!

YOU'RE THROWING THEM OFF BALANCE! OFF BALANCE!

ALL YOU NEED IS SHOOTING ACCURACY!

JUST FIRE 2 PRECISE SHOTS IN THE GOAL!

SHOOT SHOOT SHOOT GOALS ARE CLOSE

YOU'LL TURN IT AROUND RIGHT NOW!!

YOU COULDN'T TELL IF HE WAS SLEEPING OR AWAKE WHILE PLAYING...

UNTIL NOW...

HE'D OVER-TURN THE MOOD OF THE STADI-UM...

BUT WITH JUST A FEW PLAYS

MAYBE THIS IS THAT COMMON POINT WITH TATSUMI THAT KASANO-SAN MENTIONED...

#7'S LINE-AGE...

GO~!!

GOOD.

TAN-BA!

USE ALL YOUR ENERGY PLAYING THE REMAINING TIME!

DON'T GET ROUGH!

Kh!

WE HAVE ENOUGH PEOPLE! CORNER HIM AND STEAL!

THEY TOOK THE BAIT. TSUBAKI!

GOOD!

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H...

HE'S FAST!!

HE CAME STRAIGHT AWAY!!

GO~!!

SHUT HIM DOWN!!

DON'T GIVE HIM SPACE TO RUN INTO!!

TSU-BAKI!

WHA...

I'M PREPARED FOR THIS!

GINO!

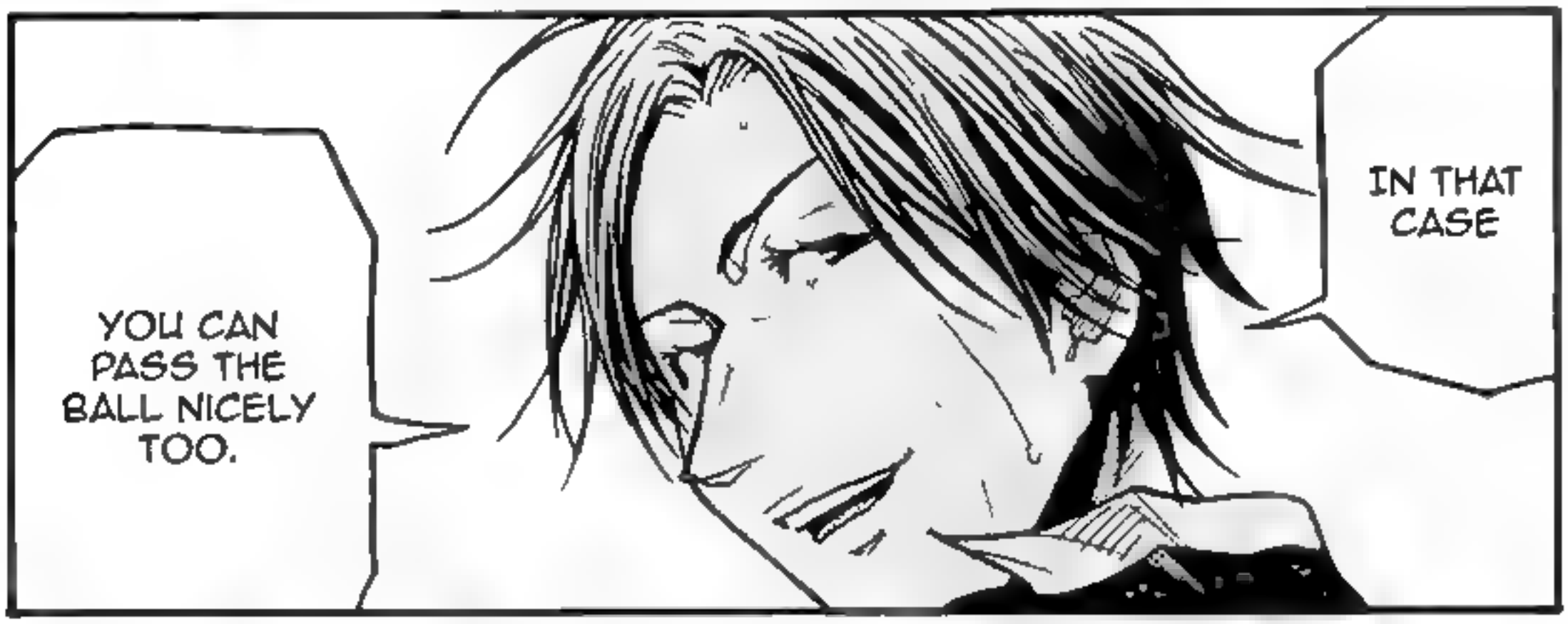
DEAD

IF THERE'S WIDE SPACE, SHOULDN'T WE USE IT FAR AND WIDE?

BUT I FIND IT HARD TO UNDER-STAND

I WONDER IF IT'S JAPANESE TRAIT?

THEY HAVE A TASTE FOR CROWDS.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I...

DID IT !!!

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UNEX-PECTED KIYOKAWA!!

NICE EQUALI-ZER!!

UWOH!!!

HERE, COME HERE!

COME, KIYO-KAWA!

Y-

EAH!!

IF YOU HAD MISSED THAT GOAL, YOU'D GET LOUD BOOS BE-CAUSE YOU WERE COM-PLETELY OPEN!

GREAT GOAL!

WELL DONE, MAN!!

.....

GOOD JOB, KIYO-KAWA!

NICE GOAL!

O-OUCH ...

IT'S STILL A DRAW!!

GO AND SMASH IN 1 MORE GOAL!

TH-THANK YOU!!

RIGHT!

YOU STOLE THE SHOW!

BUT IT WAS A GOOD SHOT, KIYO-SAN!

NICE, KIYO!!

WHY AM I GETTING HIT SO MUCH...

WH...

OR SHOULD I SAY,

THEY NEGLECTED THE OPPO-SITE SIDE...

AS MUCH AS KOBE WAS PREOCCUPIED WITH THE LEFT SIDE THAT S BEING ATTACKED...

THEY HAD TO FOCUS ON DEFENDING THE LEFT SIDE.

EVEN THOUGH KOBE UNDERSTOOD THAT IT'D BE DANGEROUS IF THEY LET ETU SWITCH PLAY

THAT'S HOW MUCH BREAK-THROUGH FORCE ETU HAD ON THE RIGHT SIDE...

TSUBAKI IN TOP SHAPE FINALLY STARTED TO HAVE OVER-WHELMING PRESENCE.

SETTING HIS IRRE-GULAR UPS AND DOWNS ASIDE.

GET IN ON AN ARTICLE ABOUT YOU SOON!

AND LET ME

<SFX: PIII>

THAT IT'LL BECOME A HOT TOPIC, NOT JUST FOR ONE GAME, BUT ACROSS THE WHOLE LEAGUE! TSUBAKI!!

ABOUT HIGH TIME YOU SHOW SUCH GREAT PLAY WITH YOUR TALENT

YEAH! THE FLOW IS COMING OUR WAY!

WITH THAT FORCE, LET'S TURN THE GAME AROUND, ETU!!

THERE'S NOT MUCH TIME LEFT!

YOU GUYS!! USE ALL YOUR STRENGTH THAT'S LEFT AND ATTACK!

WAY TO GO !

GET 1 MO RE GO AL

WE'LL WIN...!

FOR DORI-SAN, WHO FEELS REGRET-FUL

AFTER LEAVING THE BATTLE...

WE ARE GOING TO WIN ...!

I WILL PLAY!!

IN MY OWN WAY, AIMING FOR THE WIN 'TILL THE END!

FOR THOSE WHO ARE CHEERING

AND SHOUTING THE NAME OF A GUY LIKE ME...

AND...

STOP HIM!

DON'T LET HIM CARRY IT INTO THE VITAL AREA!

EVEN BY JUST ONE MATCH...

EVEN BY A MINUTE...

I'LL PROLONG MY CONSECUTIVE APPEARANCE ON MY BELOVED TEAM...

IF THE RESULTS ARE ACCEPTABLE...

FOR ETU'S VICTORY...!

I WANT TO CONTINUE TO STAY ON THE PITCH

GOOD!

STOPPED HIM WELL, TSUBAKI!!

<SFX: PI-PII>

EH?

GAH!!

NOW HE HAS ACCUMULATED 4 BOOKINGS ...!

UWAH! YELLOW CARD FOR TSUBAKI!!

HE'S SUSPENDED FROM THE FOLLOWING MATCH AGAINST YAMAGATA!!!

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SUDDEN-LY CAME TO AN END

THE GOAL I'VE JUST SET UP

GEEZ

AH-AH-AH

WHAT A SLOPPY GUY

GU-WAH!!

BUT WE COULD'VE WON! WE COULD HAVE!

EAST TOKYO UNITED

WASN'T ADDI-TIONAL TIME TOO SHORT!?

IF WE HAD JUST A LITTLE MORE TIME...!

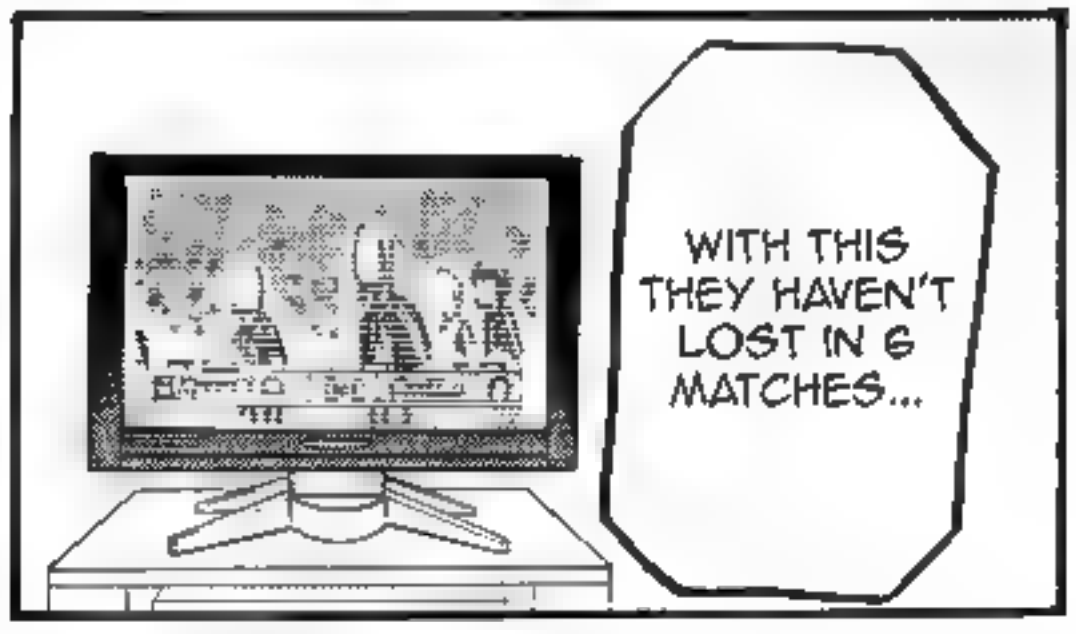
THE FINAL WHISTLE BLOWS!!

IN THE END, IT'S A 1-1 DRAW AFTER A SLUG-FEST!!

DEDO

DEDO
イーストトーキョーユナイテッド
1-1
ウィッセルネオ
EAST TOKYO UNITED
WISSEL KOBE

WITH THIS RESULT WE CAN'T HELP BUT RECOG-NIZE THAT ETU IS IN TOP SHAPE.
AL-THOUGH IT'S A DRAW,


WITH THIS THEY HAVEN'T LOST IN 6 MATCHES...

COACH SAKURA.

NO...

THAT'S EXACTLY WHY IT'S WORTH-WHILE, ISN'T IT?

WE, MONTE-BIA YAMAGATA, ARE A CLUB THAT LAST YEAR ESCAPED FROM DIVISION 2 IN THIRD PLACE,

SO THIS YEAR WE PLAY IN DI-VISION 1...

IN OTHER WORDS, IT MEANS ALL THE TEAMS

WE ARE FIGHTING IN THIS CATE-GORY ARE SUPERIOR.

BUT WE, YAMAGATA, CAN FIGHT AMONG THEM QUITE WELL.

WHY IS THAT?

BECAUSE WHETHER WE WANT IT OR NOT WE HAVE A CONSCIOUS-NESS OF BEING THE CHALLENGERS,

AND WE'VE BEEN SHOWING A DISCIPLINED TEAM PLAY WITHOUT ANYONE GETTING CARE-LESS AND MAKING MIS-TAKES.

PRECISELY BECAUSE WE ARE FIGHTING WITH SUCH MENTALITY,

OUR JOY WHEN WE WIN TRANS-LATES INTO CON-FIDENCE IN OUR-SELVES.

THE STRONGER THE OPPO-NENT TO DEFEAT IS...

THE MORE RAPIDLY

WE CAN EVOLVE INTO THE TEAM FULL OF SELF-CONFIDENCE.

WE ARE IN A FAIRLY GOOD STANDING NOW

BECAUSE YOUR, COACH'S, MANAGING IS REALLY FORMIDABLE.

DDD

THAT'S WHY ETU IN TOP FORM

MEANS A CHANCE TO US AND...

NO, NO, SAKURA ...

IN THE NEXT GAME TOO, COACH SAKURA.

WE'RE COUNT-ING ON YOU

WE ARE JUST PLAYING CONSISTENTLY FOLLOWING YOUR INSTRUCTIONS.

WHAT WE HAVE NOW IS THANKS TO YOU, SAKURA.

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GETTING ALL FLUS-TERED AT THE VERY END...

DIS-MISSED.

HIS FACE IS BRIGHT RED.

AAH... YEAH.

THEN LET'S DO OUR BEST IN THE NEXT GAME TOO.

STILL, SAKURA-SAN, THERE'S SOME-THING UNRELIA-BLE ABOUT YOU...

THAT WAS CLOSE, BUT I'M GLAD WE DIDN'T LOSE!
YEP! THE NEXT MATCH! THE NEXT!

TEAM OKO

6 GAMES WITHOUT LOSING ISN'T BAD!!
LET'S MOVE INTO HIGH GEAR AND GO ON A WINNING STREAK!

YEAH.
HM? KOUTA, LOOK.

WITH A DRAW, WHAT SHOULD I SAY TO KYOUKO-CHAN...?
IT'S QUES-TIONA-BLE...

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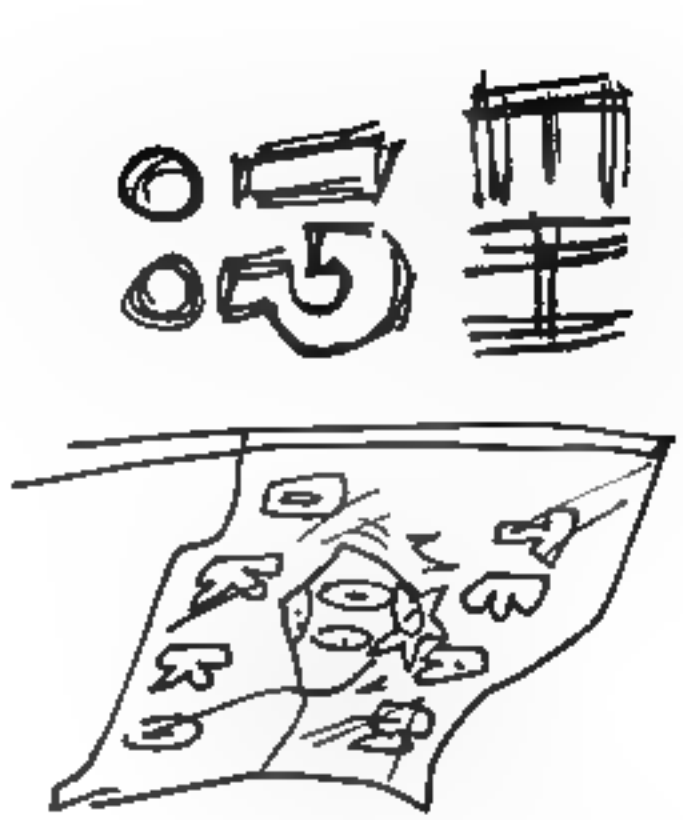

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THANK YOU!

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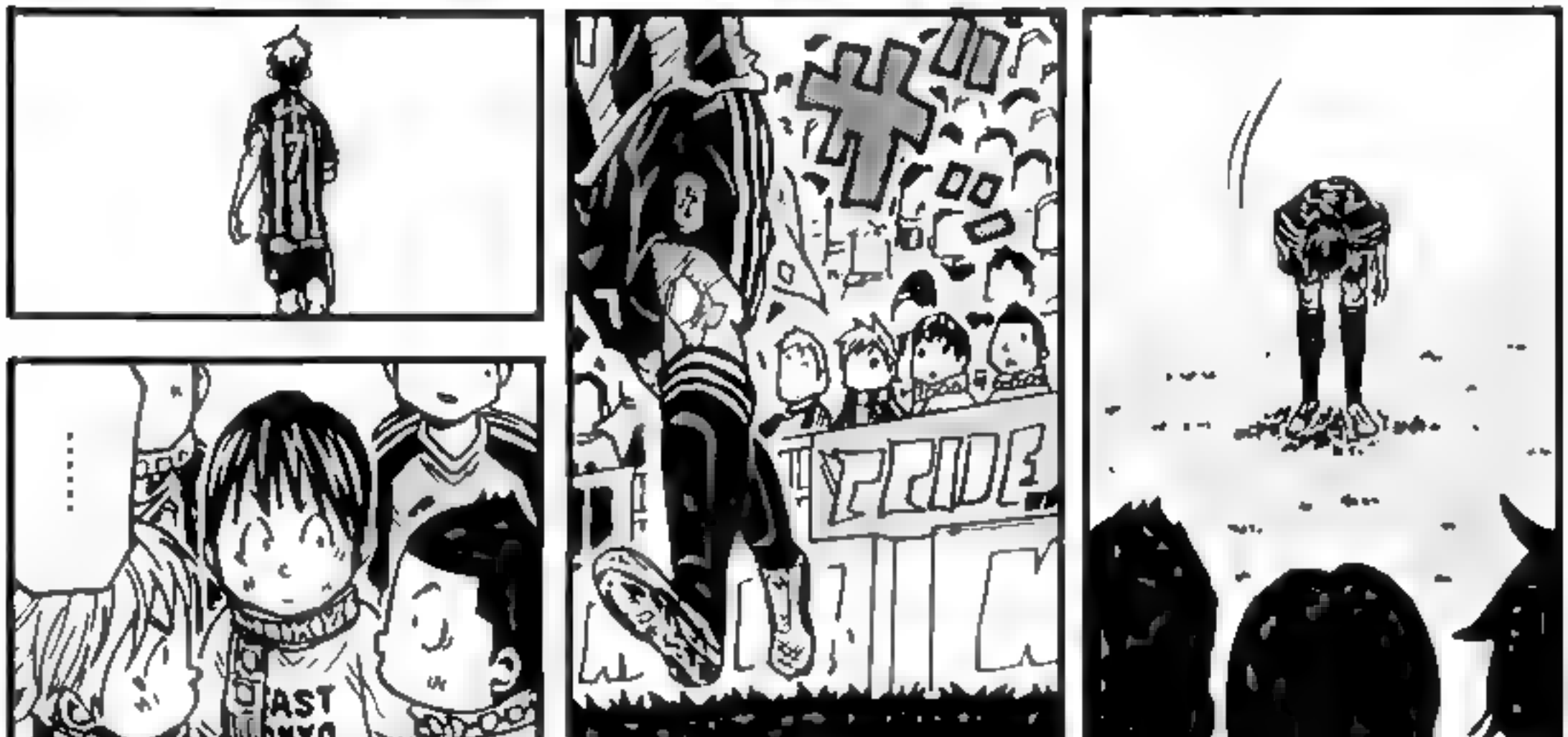

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TSUBA-KI...

THANKED US!!

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BECAUSE HE HEARD OUR VOICES...!

HE CAME TO SAY IT ESPECIAL-LY...

THAT'S RIGHT! FOR SURE!!

YEP!

I C-CAN'T BELIEVE IT!

IS THIS A DREAM!

IT'S GETTING THROUGH...!

GETTING THROUGH TO THE PLAYERS...!!

OUR CHEERING IS...

I...

KYOUKO-CHAN...

FOUND SOMETHING I CAN BOAST ABOUT TO KYOUKO-CHAN!

YEAH, YEAH.

UKYAA!!

WE DID IT!!

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AND ROLL IT UP JUST LIKE THAT.

HM?

THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

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...HEY, GORO! DON'T LET GO!

ROLL IT UP LIKE THAT...

TAKE-BOY, JUST NOW

YOU WEREN'T WATCHING ...?

EH?

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GOPO?

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SHIGE-CHAN AND...

YUUJI, AND KACCHAN...

THEY SHOULD HAVE SEEN IT...

I'M GONNA KEEP ON CHEERING FOR YOU!!

TSUBA-KI!!

BUT...

BUT IF...

WE ANNOY OUR FAMI-LIES AND OTHER SUPPORT-ERS,

I THOUGHT IF BY COMING TO THE STADIUM

MAYBE IT'S BETTER TO QUIT...

IF OUR CHEERING IS OF HELP TO THE PLAYERS EVEN A LITTLE...

I'LL DO IT.

SHOHOKU

EVEN DO THIS ALONE.

I'LL

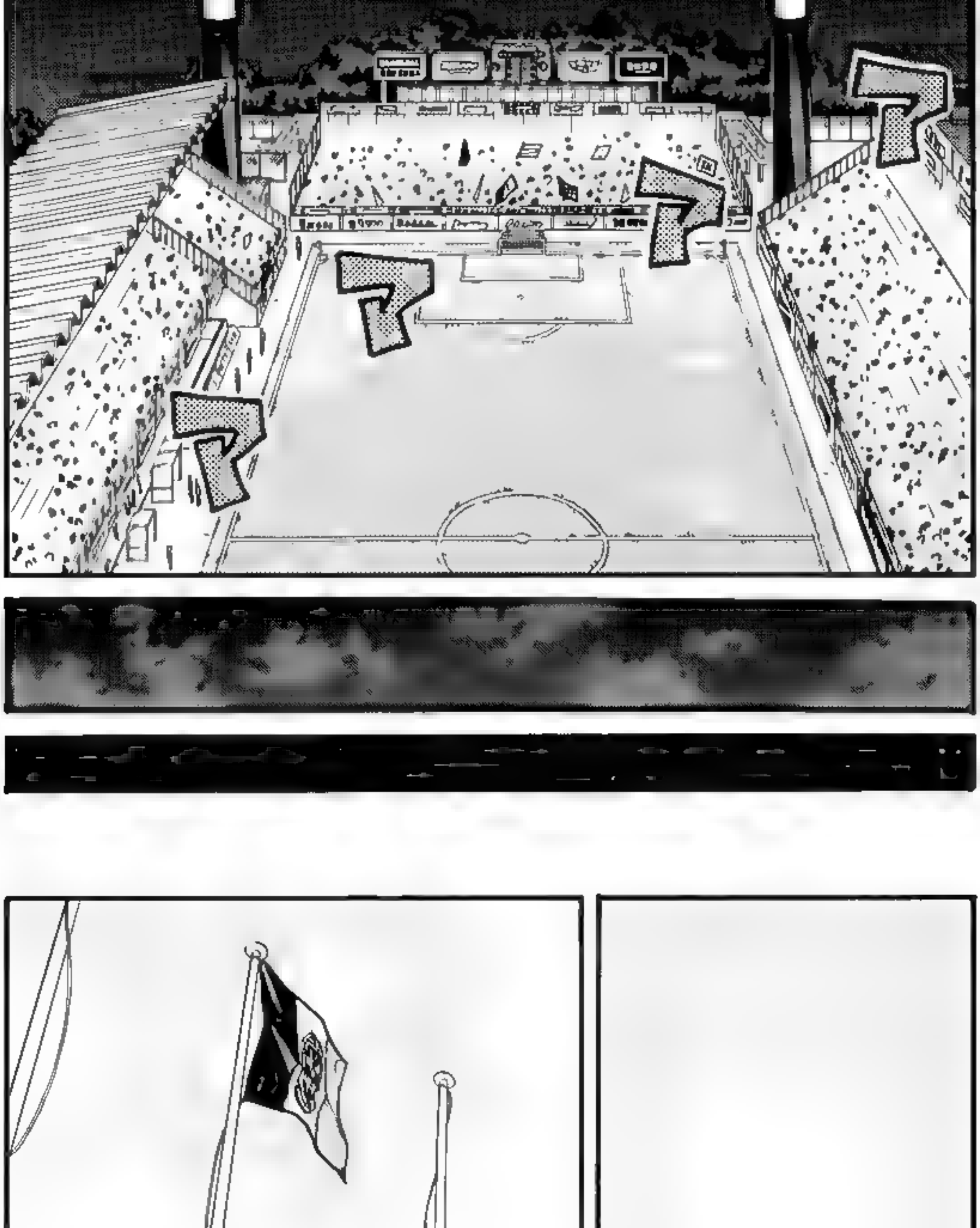
TATSU-MI!

IT'S ABOUT MIDORIKAWA'S INJURY...

I GOT A CALL FROM THE HOSPI-TAL.

AH?

DO YOU HAVE A MINUTE?



3 MONTHS UNTIL FULL RECOVERY...

THE REST OF THE SEASON IS HOPELESS FOR DORI-SAN...!

TO PUT IT SIMPLY, IT'S A FRACTURE OF A BONE ON THE OUTSIDE OF THE ANKLE.

ANKLE LATERAL MALLEOLUS FRACTURE...

BUT HE'LL BE IN A CAST FOR A MONTH, ONE MONTH OF REHABILI-TATION..

AND ABOUT ONE MONTH AFTER JOINING THE PRACTICE HE CAN RETURN TO PLAYING.

IT'S A GOOD THING THE BONE WASN'T DISLOCAT-ED AND HE DOESN'T NEED A SURGERY,

S...

FRAC-TURE

SO IT WAS A BONE...

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WELL...

IT'S IM-POSSIBLE AT ANY RATE.

3 MONTHS ..

THE SEASON WILL HAVE ALREADY ENDED THEN...

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PL...

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PLEASE DON'T APOLO-GIZE!

ISN'T IT THE HARDEST ON YOU!?

I'LL CAUSE TROUBLE TO EVERY-ONE.

THAT'S JUST THE WAY IT IS.

YOU'RE SO KIND, NATSUKI.

HEH.

WHY ARE YOU BEING SARCAS-TIC?

AS EXPECTED, WORDS FROM A GUY WHO WAS OUT FOR A LONG TIME AND CAUSED TROU-BLE FOR THE TEAM, ARE DIFFERENT.

Ha ha ha

SORRY.

.....

WE HAVE AN AWAY GAME AGAINST YAMAGATA 2 DAYS AFTER.

WE HAVE NO TIME TO GET DISCOURAGED ABOUT MIDORIKAWA.

WELL THEN.

IF WE DON'T GET OURSELVES PROPERLY IN SHAPE,

OUR BODIES WON'T OBEY US IN CRITICAL MOMENTS.

FROM NOW ON SUMMER SERIES OF BATTLES WILL GO ON.

OKAY.

KEEPERS, WE ARE STARTING TOO.

THEREFORE LIGHT PRAC-TICE FOR THE GROUP WHO PLAYED IN YESTER-DAY'S GAME.

THE SUBS, GATHER AROUND ME.

'KAY.

Haa~

BUT IT'S COMPLI-CATED WHEN I THINK ABOUT DORI-SAN...

!

WELL, IT'S NATURAL TO BE EAGER AFTER ALWAYS WAITING FOR A CHANCE TO PLAY...

SANO-SAN SURE IS MOTI-VATED...

.....

IT'S THE FIRST TIME I SAW YUZAWA MAKING SUCH FACE...

EVEN THOUGH HE'S USUALLY IDLING AWAY THERE LIKE A LUMP...

.....

HM? WHAT IS IT, SERA-SAN?

...

NO... IT'S NOTHING, YUZAWA!

EVEN YUZAWA GETS FIRED UP...

THAT'S RIGHT... THE SITUATION SUDDENLY CHANGED FROM BEING THE 3RD CHOICE GOALKEEPER TO BEING ABLE TO COMPETE FOR THE STARTING POSITION...

RIGHT NOW IS THE MOMENT THAT WILL DECIDE THEIR FATE...

FOR SANO-SAN AND YUZAWA

Haa~

BECAUSE IT'S A UNIQUE POSITION.

THE GOAL-KEEPER.

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I THOUGHT I HAD UNDER-STOOD THAT...

BASICALLY, IT'S NOT A PLACE WHERE YOU CAN CHANGE PLAYERS EASILY...

IT'S POSSIBLE FOR FIELD PLAYERS TO PLAY IN ANOTHER POSITION, BUT...

THE MAIN REASON THE STARTER IS CHANGED, IS BECAUSE OF AGE OR AN INJURY.

BUT EVEN WATCHING COMPETITION FOR GOAL-KEEPER'S POSITION IS HEAVY... ISN'T IT, GOTOH-SAN?

FELLOW KEEPERS DON'T EVEN SPEAK WITH EACH OTHER.

IN SOME CLUBS,

WHO PRO-TECTS THE GOALMOUTH.

IT'S JUST THE ONE PERSON

BUT MIDORI-KAWA-SAN WHO HAS IT THE HARDEST

IS CALM AS USUAL.

SURELY MIDORI-KAWA...

.....

BY SACRI-
FICING HIS
BODY..

DOESN'T REGRET THAT HE WENT TO STOP THE SHOT

BUT THEY CAN LOSE THEIR REGULAR POSITION FOR A LONG TIME BECAUSE OF THAT INJURY.

EVEN THOUGH IT'S A POSITION WHERE YOU CAN'T PLAY IF YOU'RE AFRAID OF GETTING INJURED,

ON TOP OF THAT, COMPETI-
TION IS ALREADY SEVERE.

THEY MUST STAND ON THE PITCH WITH SERIOUS RESOLVE.

AND IT'S ALSO POSSIBLE THAT THEY CAN'T TAKE IT BACK FOR A SECOND TIME.

GOAL-KEEPER IS REALLY

A CRUEL POSITION BEYOND ALL IMAGINATION.

<*T/N: IT'S A FOOTBALL MAGAZINE>

YURI-CHAN... GOT INTO WORKING MODE, HUH.

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OKAY! I'LL TRY TO PUT A SPOT-LIGHT ON THE KEEPERS IN THE NEXT MATCHDAY PRO-GRAMME*!

YEAH.

IS ALSO QUITE A HARD JOB, TATSUMI.

THE POSITION WHERE YOU HAVE TO CHOOSE ONLY ONE KEEPER

TO LIVE UP TO THAT RESOLVE.

WE ALSO HAVE TO PROPERLY SUPPORT THEM

WHAT WAS THE DIFFICULTY

MONTEBIA YAMAGATA...

IN PLAYING AGAINST THEM LAST TIME...?

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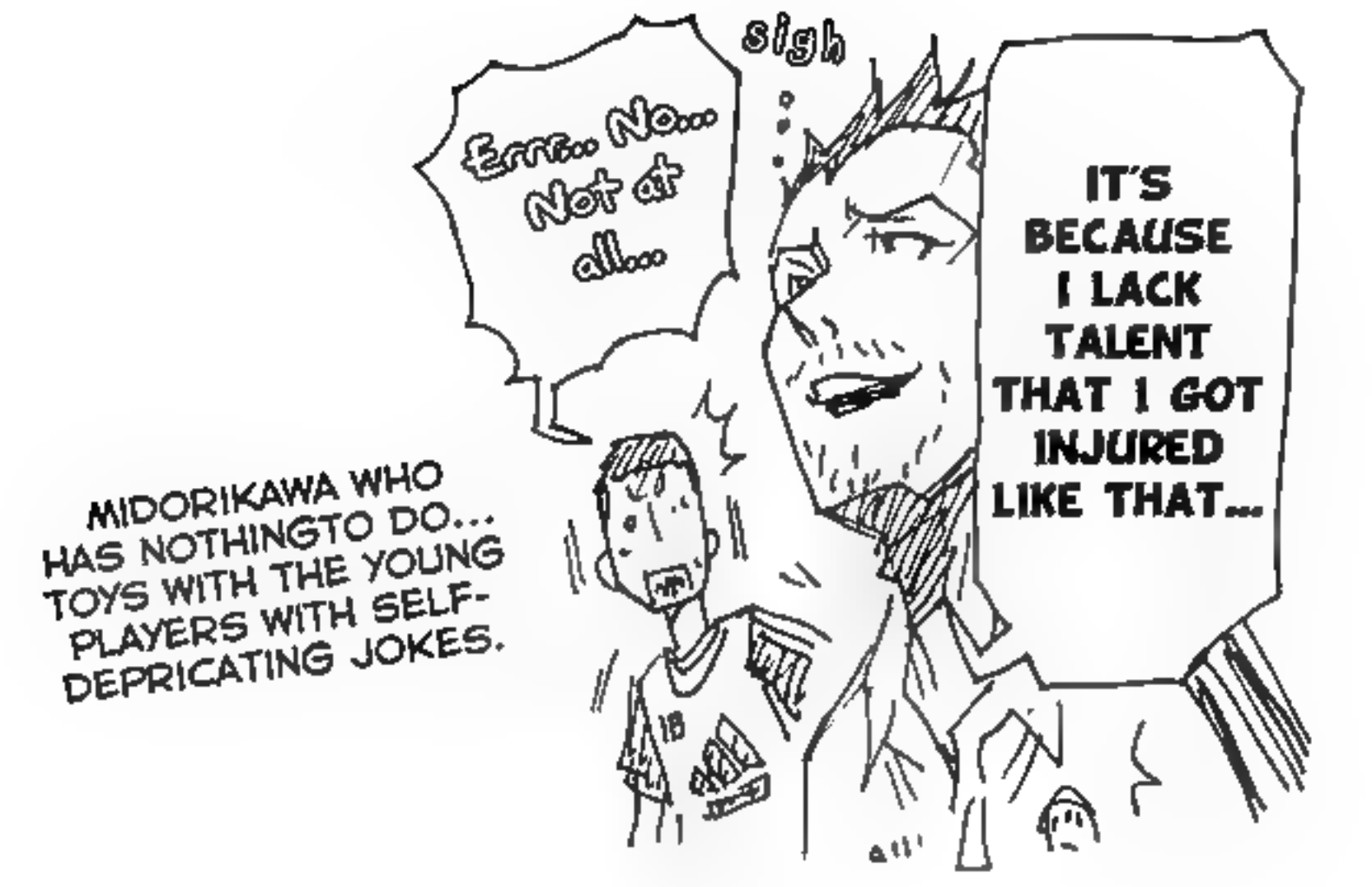
sigh
Errr... No... Not at all...
IT'S BECAUSE I LACK TALENT THAT I GOT INJURED LIKE THAT...
MIDORIKAWA WHO HAS NOTHINGTO DO... TOYS WITH THE YOUNG PLAYERS WITH SELF-DEPRICATING JOKES.

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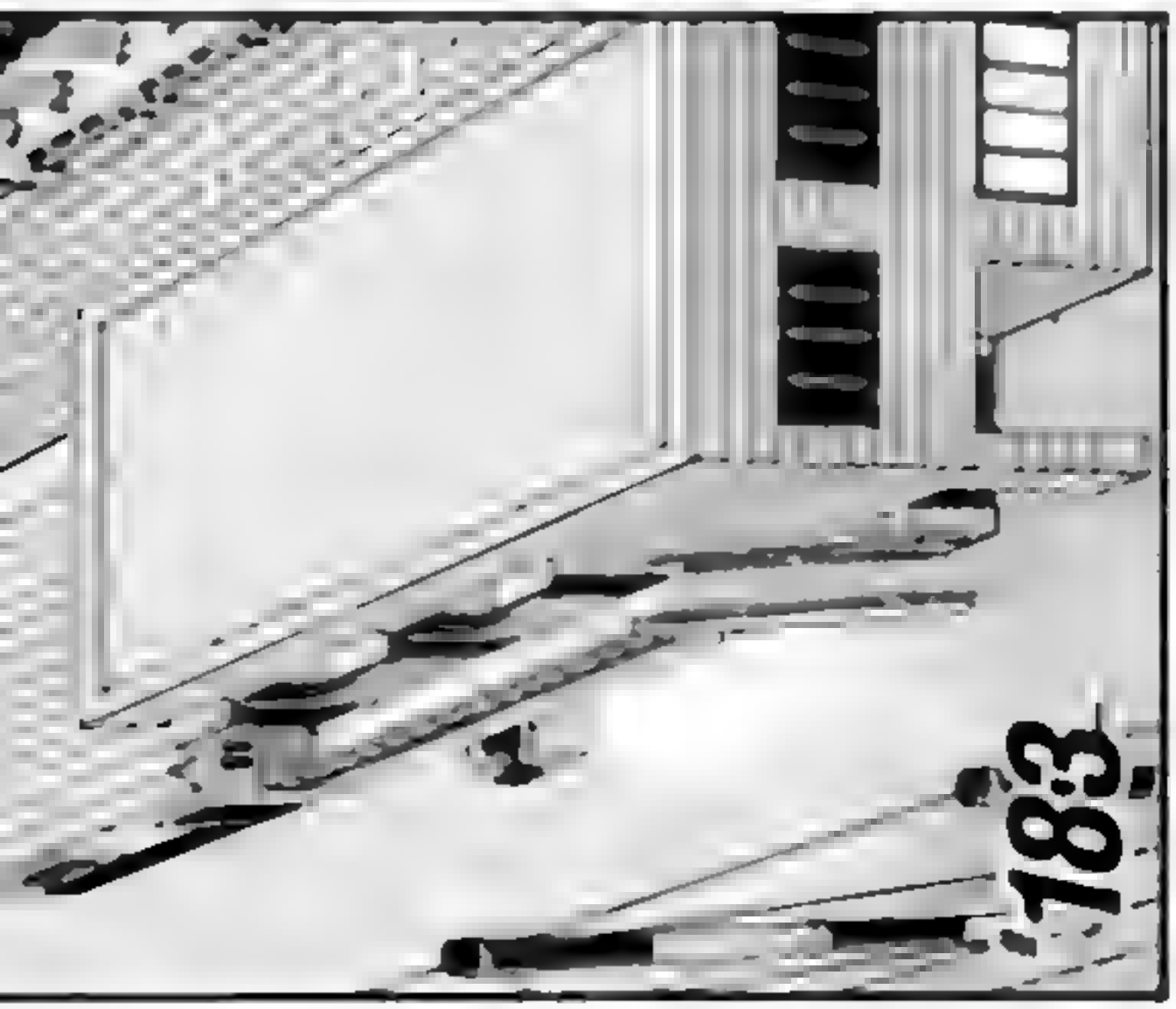
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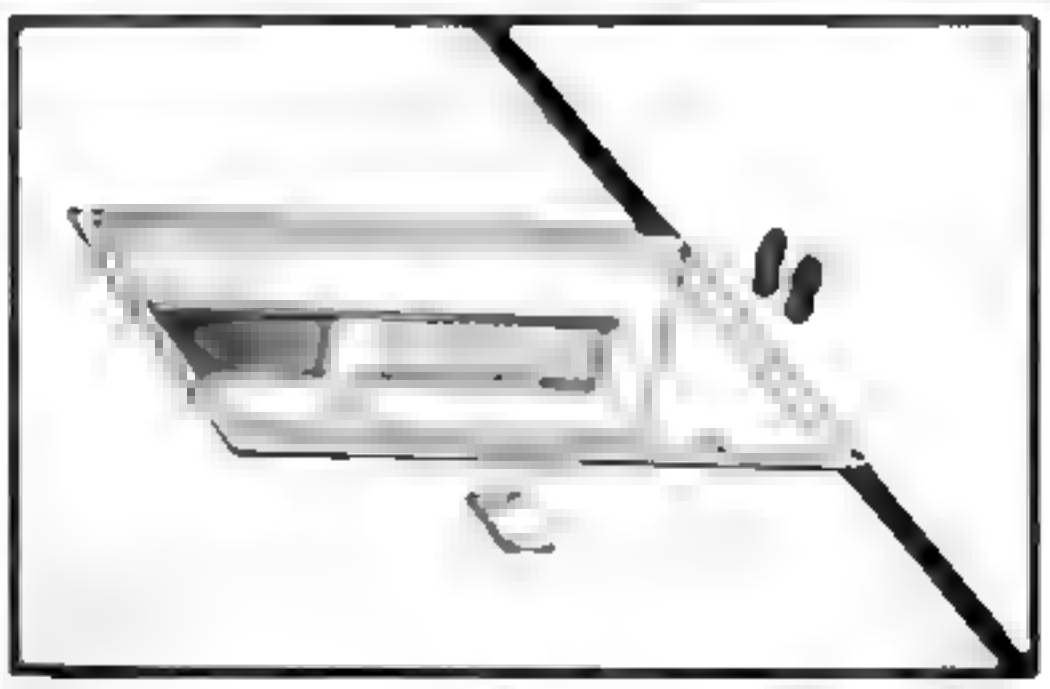

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AND THEY ALL DEFEND TOGETHER.

THEY DEFEND.

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THIS IS THEIR REGULAR PATTERN.

YAMAGATA ATTEMPTS A QUICK ATTACK!

A LONG BALL FROM MENDES TO THE FRONT LINES!

AND THEN WHEN THEY STEAL THE BALL.

THERE IS NOTHING TO IT.

NO MATTER WHAT GAME I WATCH,

YAMAGATA RELIES ON STRONG DEFENSE-FAST ATTACK.

WHY WAS IT SO HARD TO PLAY AGAINST IT?

HIS HIGH DEFENSIVE ABILITY... THE KICKING POWER TO SEND PRE-CISE LONG BALLS.

WAS IT HARD BECAUSE OF THE HIGH QUALITY OF THIS PLAY...?

36-YEAR-OLD... CENTRE-BACK MENDES.

HE'S THE CORE OF THIS TEAM'S DEFENSE... AND THE STARTING POINT OF THEIR COUNTER ATTACKS.

KINGRIE

NO, THAT'S NOT IT.

ARE CONCENTRATED ON THE PLAY.

ALL OF YAMAGATA'S PLAYERS

SOMETHING...

THEY BELIEVE IN

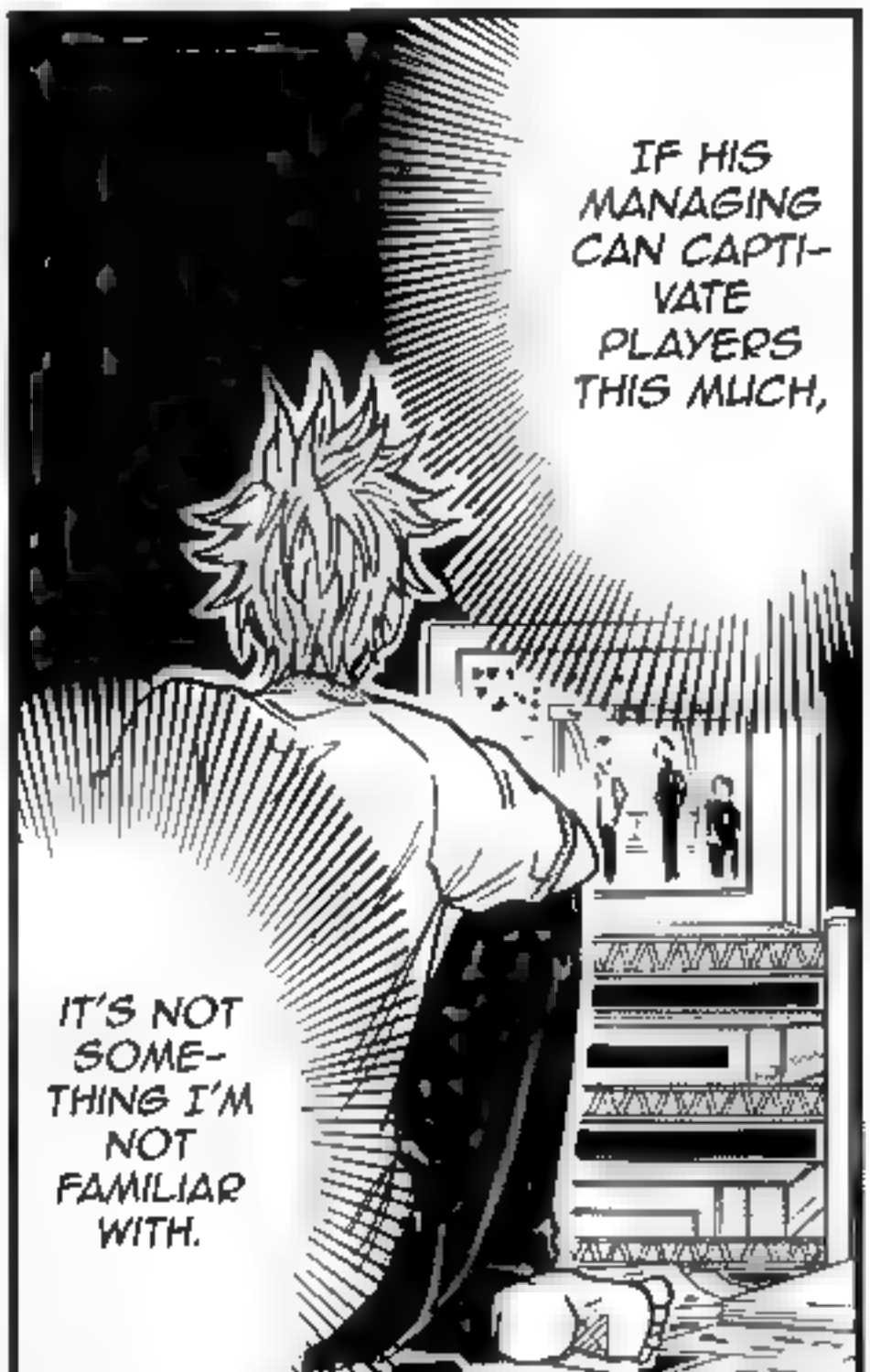
IT WOULDN'T BE LIKE THIS IF THEY DIDN'T HAVE SOMETHING TO BELIEVE IN.

IN OTHER WORDS, THERE'S NO HESITATION ON THE PITCH...

WITH MANY PLAYERS PLAYING IN DIVISION 1 FOR THE FIRST TIME...

THEY ARE ABLE TO PLAY SIMPLY AND WITHOUT CONFUSION.

THIS IS JUST MY SELFISH INTERPRE-TATION THOUGH.
I HAVE A FEELING THAT WE HAVE SIMI-LAR VIEWS OF FOOT-BALL.


IF HIS MANAGING CAN CAPTI-VATE PLAYERS THIS MUCH,
IT'S NOT SOME-THING I'M NOT FAMILIAR WITH.

SIMILAR, HUH...

IN THE END, WITHOUT BEING ABLE TO BREAK THROUGH THEM WE GOT A FOUL FROM THEIR DEFENDER

AND SUGIE SCORED 1 GOAL FROM A SET PLAY... EVENTUALLY THEY CAUGHT UP AND IT ENDED IN A DRAW...

WHEN WE PLAYED AGAINST THEM LAST TIME, THEY WERE ON GUARD AGAINST TSUBAKI WHO STILL HADN'T PRODUCED

AND THEY BLOCKED ONE OF OUR ATTACK PATTERNS.

YAMAGATA CHANGE THEIR FORMATION AND PLAYERS DEPENDING ON THE TEAM THEY PLAY AGAINST.

EVEN WITH OTHER TEAMS,

INDEED ...

HIS METHODS MAY BE SIMILAR TO MINE...

AND ADJUST THEIR FORMA-TION TO ATTACK A WEAK SPOT.

THEY THO-ROUGHLY RESEARCH THEIR OPPO-NENTS...

TO A NASTY GUY LIKE THAT,

I'M NOT GONNA LOSE

HEH.

ASAKKU-RA!

GREMLINS

I'M NOT GONNA LOSE,

.....

WHAT IS HE DOING...

SAKKU-RA!

AH, HE'S SAKURA.

HE DOESN'T LEAVE MUCH OF AN IMPRES-SION.

SAKKU-RA.

.....

AL-THOUGH...

WAS IT ASA-KURA?

HM?

ON TOP OF THAT, THIS TIME

TSUBAKI WILL STAY OUT, HUH...

LAST TIME...

WE WERE FAR FROM BEING ABLE TO BREAK THROUGH THEIR DEFEN-SIVE LINE...

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HEY, TATSUMI-SAN!

DON'T DIRTY THE CLUB HOUSE!

YOUR PAPERS ARE FALLING DOWN!

Hmm

Hoop

EH.

OR SHOULD I SAY, HE HASN'T BEEN SLEEPING.

HE'S NOT LIS-TENING...

Wa!!

BUT CHILDREN HAVE SUMMER HOLIDAYS DURING THIS PERIOD TOO,

SO THE PLAYERS HAVE TO PLAY ONE GAME AFTER ANOTHER WITH ONLY 2 OR 3 DAYS OF REST IN BETWEEN.

IT'S WAY TOO HOT TO PLAY FOOTBALL IN A JAPANESE SUMMER LIKE THIS...

PEOPLE WHO DEVELOP STRATE-GIES TOO...

REALLY HAVE IT HARD...

IT SEEMS OBVIOUS THAT IT'S ROUGH ON PLAYERS, BUT...

WHY ARE TRYING TO GO HOME!!

WE ARE ALSO BUSY!!

!!

GOSH, I TAKE MY HAT OFF TO THEM.

SEE YA.

.....

HM?

EH?

WORK OVERTIME! OVERTIME!

EAST TOKYO

MMM...

WHAT, TSUBAKI, YOU'RE TRAINING BY YOURSELF AGAIN?

I'M LEAVING NOW! I'M SORRY! PLEASE, GO AHEAD!

TH-THANK YOU FOR THE HARD WORK, COACH!

UWAAAAAH!

DROPS

DROPS

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I'VE TOLD YOU TO THINK ABOUT YOUR CONDITION DURING SUMMERTIME.

BUT OH WELL...

THAT'S RIGHT BUT .

R- RIGHT.

<SFX SHOCKED>

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MAYBE IT'S PERFECT FOR YOU, WHO HAS TOO MUCH FREE TIME, SINCE YOU ARE SUS- PENDED FROM THE NEXT MATCH.

WANT TO BECOME BETTER...

EVEN IF BY ONLY A LITTLE.

NOW, AT LEAST

I...

TSUBA-
KI...

WHAT WAS YOUR IMPRESSION OF YAMA-GATA WHEN YOU PLAYED AGAINST THEM?

I SEE, I SEE.

BY THE WAY...

.....

ABOUT YAMA-GATA?

EH...? YAMA-GATA...?

.....

EEH ...!!

AAH!!

IT WAS THE MATCH WHERE I MADE A LOT OF MIS-TAKES!!

THAT'S THE USUAL, ISN'T IT.

SO TROU-BLE-SOME. SPIT IT OUT!

AT...

THEY PUT EXTRA PEOPLE IN DEFENSE,

AT ANY RATE, THEIR DEFENSE WAS TIGHT.

WHEN IT WASN'T LIKE THAT, IT WAS LIKE THEY LET US HAVE THE BALL...

THAT'S WHY WHEN THEY CAME TO STEAL THE BALL, THEY FOCUSED ON ONE POINT AND CAME ALL AT ONCE.

.....

BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY, I FELT LIKE THE TEAM'S CONSENSUS WAS VERY STRONG.

GREMLINS

SO THE PLAYERS HAVE THE SAME IMPRES-SION...

I SEE...

THAT'S WHY, LIKE...

.....

ENOUGH.

IT'S CON-FUSING.

ERRR, THAT WAS ABOUT ME.

HUH? ERRRR, I MEAN...

THAT'S WHY I LIKE HESITATED IN MY PLAY...

IT FELT THAT WE DIDN'T HAVE MUCH TIME OF OUR OWN PACE...

AH.

RIGHT.

WHO MADE A LOT OF MISTAKES...

THERE WAS ONE GUY AMONG YAMA-GATA'S PLAYERS

THAT GUY

MADE MISTAKES,

BUT EVEN SO, HE WAS GOOD.

WHEN I WATCHED THAT GUY

I KIND OF FELT RE-LIEVED.

JUST GET TO THE POINT

!

CH-CHUK

A STRATEGY TO COMBAT ETU...!

FINALLY IT'S FINISHED!!

UH-OH, THAT'S NOT GOOD...!

I HAVEN'T BEEN SLEEPING FOR THOSE 2 DAYS, MY MIND WANDERED.

TIGHTENS

Haa

DIZZY

NEXT I NEED TO COMPILE THE FOOTAGE

TO EX-PLAIN IT TO THE PLAYERS.

TOO HARD

<SFX: SHAKES>

THE COACH HAS TO DO EVEN THINGS LIKE THIS BY HIMSELF.

BUT IN A LOW BUDGET CLUB LIKE OURS

YOU PROBABLY CAN GET OTHERS TO DO SUCH JOB...

IN A CLUB WITH GOOD BUDGET AND MANY STAFF MEMBERS...

HOW-EVER, I DON'T MIND,

EVEN IN SUCH A SITUA-TION.

AND THE FUTURE IS FULL OF HOPE!

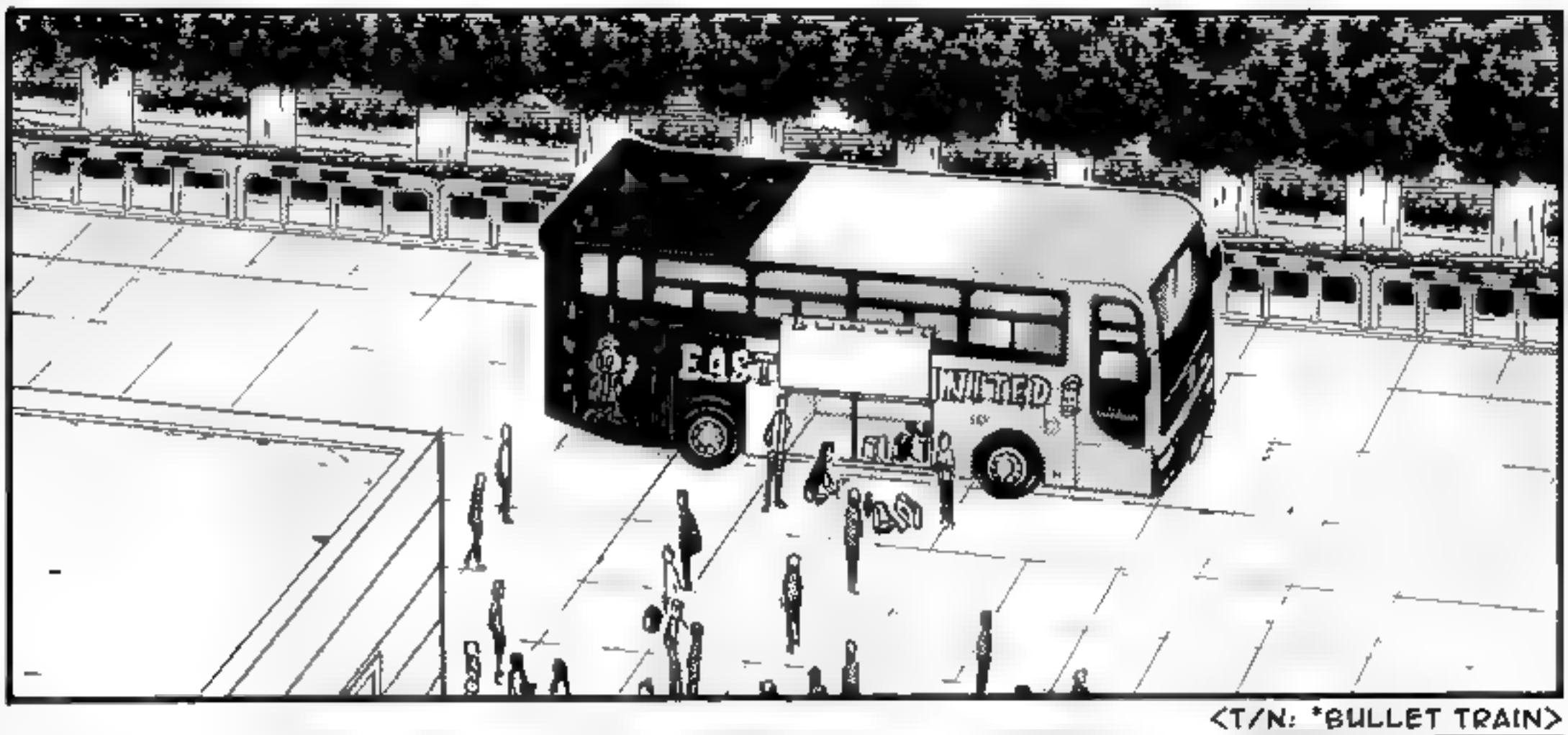
THIS SITUA-TION WHEN THE TEAM STEADILY IMPROVES...

I'LL SURPASS YOU!

THIS TIME FOR SURE

THE OBJECT OF MY ADMI-RATION,

TATTSU-MI,



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<T/N: *HE CALLS HIM *ANIYAN*>

DON'T SAY THINGS LIKE THAT IN FRONT OF THE PLAYERS TOO MUCH, KASANO...
HEH.
WE DON'T HAVE SO MUCH MONEY TO CON-STANTLY TAKE EVERY-ONE ALONG. RIGHT, BIG BRO*.

TO TAKE YAMAGATA DOWN.

WELL THEN LET'S GO...

<SFX: DASH>

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IT'S TONO-YAMA-SAN'S!!
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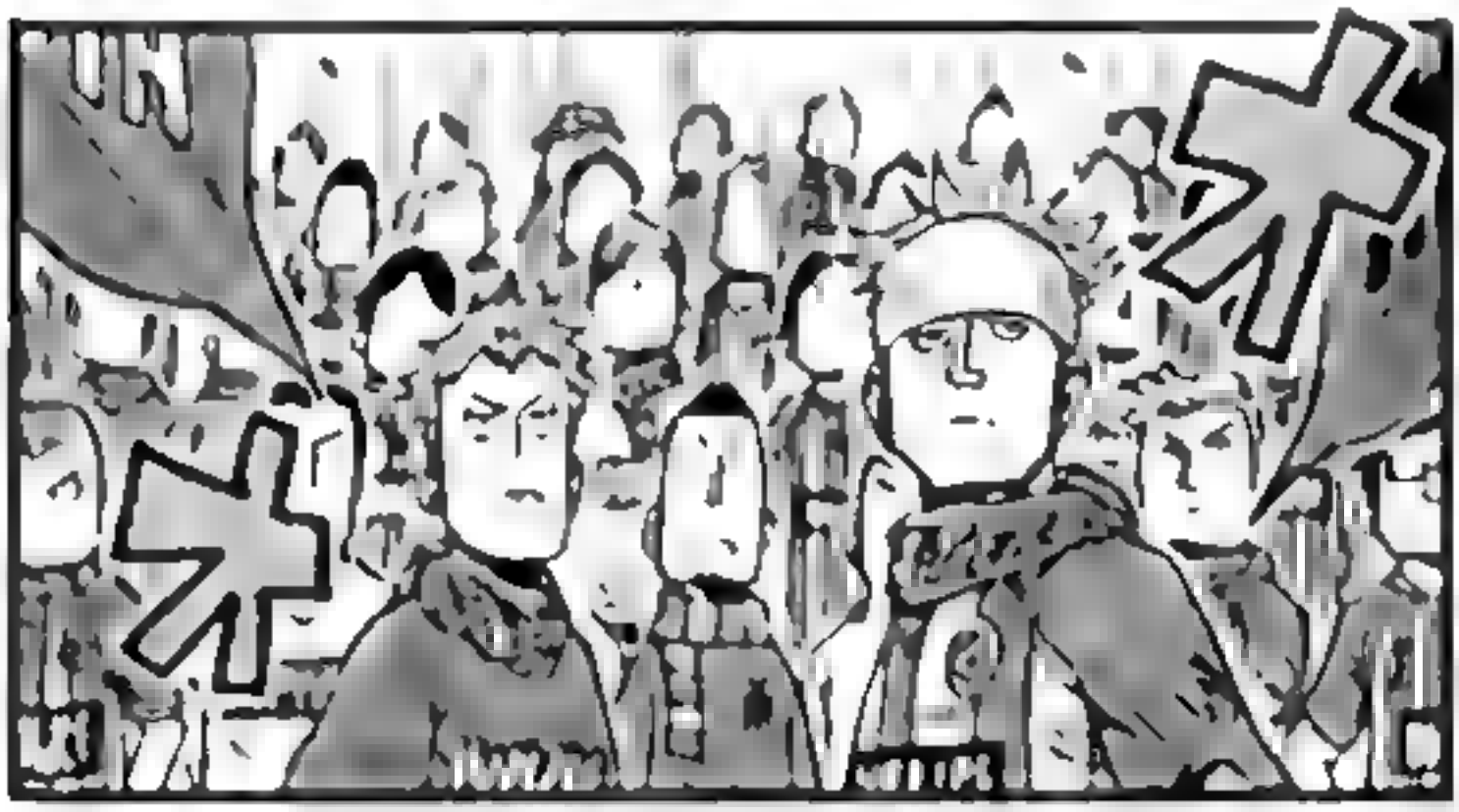

EAST TOKYO

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I'D LIKE YOU TO STOP CALLING ME "FUJI-SAWA-CHAN".

USUALLY YOU'D CONSIDER IT A MATCH BETWEEN LOW-LEVELS? CONSIDERING THESE 2 TEAMS.

JUST THINK ABOUT IT, FUJISAWA-CHAN.

HEH.

I'M NOT HERE FOR AN UNSPEC-TACULAR GAME, YAMAI-SAN.

I MEANT THE INITIAL EXPECTA-TIONS FROM THE SEASON OPENING, FUJISAWA-CHAN.

AND WITH A DIFFERENCE OF 2 POINTS YAMAGATA IS IN 11TH PLACE?

ETU IS IN A FAIR 8TH PLACE,

BUT HOW ABOUT IT?

BETWEEN YAMA-GATA AND ETU...

SO MANY VISITORS CAME TO WATCH SUCH AN UNSPEC-TACULAR MATCH

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WOW, HOW UN-EXPECTED.

MORE THAN JUST "NOT BAD", YOU CAN CALL IT A SUCCESS...

BOTH TEAMS BEAT THE ODDS AND ARE IN MID-TABLE...

AND ANOTHER COMMON POINT - BOTH ARE POOR CLUBS WITHOUT A REPRESENTATIVE IN THE NATIONAL TEAM.

ON TOP OF THAT, BOTH TEAMS HAVE YOUNG COACHES IN THEIR 30'S...

THOSE 2 TEAMS THAT ARE MUCH THE SAME...

THIS IS EXACTLY THE POINT OF INTEREST IN THIS MATCH.

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AS ALWAYS, HE HAS A SHARP TONGUE...

WHICH WILL BREAK OUT OF THIS SITUATION?

IN THE FIRST HALF OF THE LEAGUE SEASON OSAKA WAS A HEAD ABOVE OTHERS...

BUT NOW THEY CAN'T QUITE WIN AND YOU CAN SEE A CLOUD ON THEIR OVER-WHELMING LEAD

THE TOP RANKS WILL LIKELY BECOME MORE AND MORE UN-STABLE.

IT'S EASY FOR A SURPRISE TO HAPPEN.

BESIDES, IT'S HARD TO MAINTAIN THEIR CONDI-TION IN SUMMER-TIME

OR LIKE BEFORE, THEY'LL HAVE A GAME WITH NO WINNER...

GET IN EACH OTHER'S WAY AND STAY IN THE MIDDLE...

TO CUT INTO THE TOP RANKS COMPETI-TION...

WHICH OF THEM WILL TAKE THE GAME AND ADD THE 3 POINTS?

TO BECOME A CLUB THAT'S CON-SIDERED "STRONG"...

IF ETU REALLY WANTS

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E-ENOUGH AL-READY!

smirks

BUT FOR FUJI-SAWA-CHAN RATHER THAN THAT,

I'LL SUE YOU!?

THE ABSENCE OF HER BELOVED TSUBA-KI-KUN IS MORE OF A PROB-LEM.

THEY'LL HAVE TO WIN A GAME LIKE THIS...

OR THEY CAN'T GO TO THE TOP.

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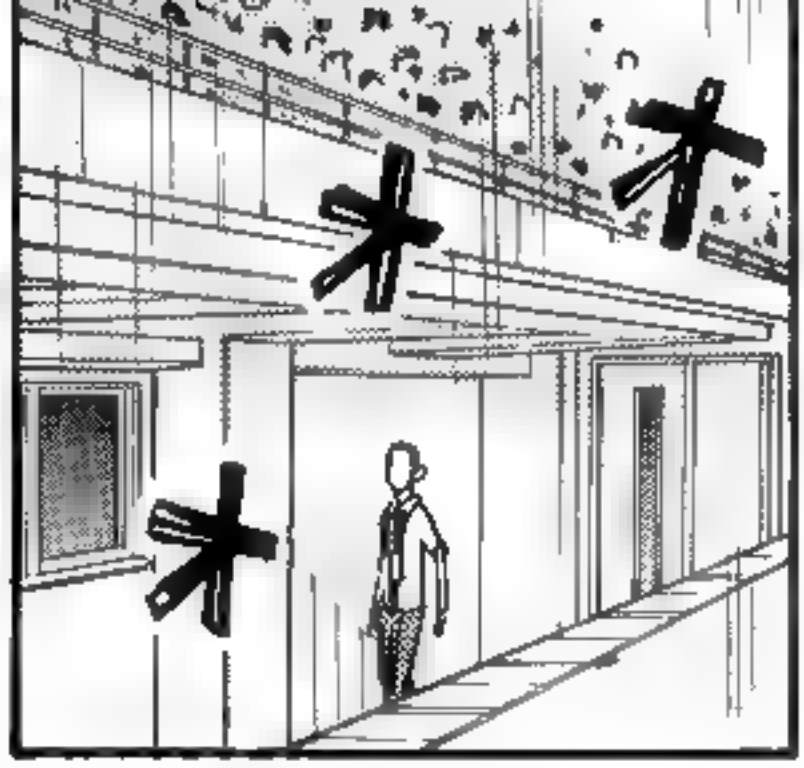

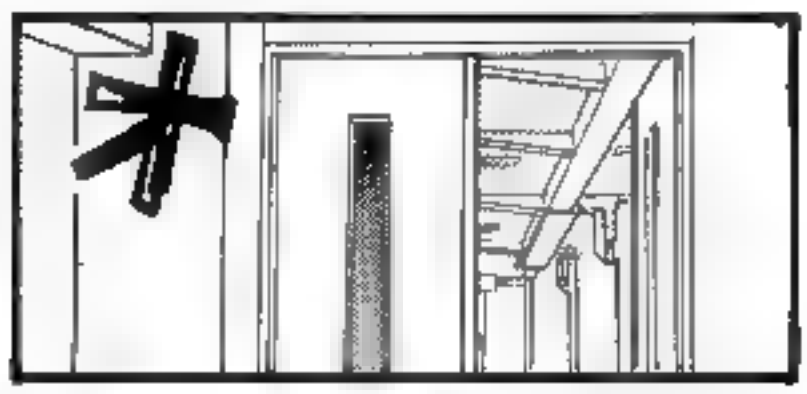

<SFX: STOMP>

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OKAY. THE WARM UP IS OVER, RIGHT!

I WANT TO REVIEW THE TACTICS ONCE MORE BEFORE THE MA...

<SFX: THUD>

Ah!

R O L L S

GUWAH!!

HASE GAWA! THINK ABOUT WHERE YOU'RE STRETCH-ING!

COACH, I'LL GET THEM!

AAH!! GLASSES! GLASSES!

IF YOU PANIC YOU'LL STEP ON THEM AGAIN!

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SEKO 8

NAKAMA 4

BL... BLOODY HELL...

SUPER KLUTZ.

mumble

IT CRACKS ME UP...

JUST HOW BAD IS HIS REFLEXES...

W-WE DON'T HAVE TIME.

LET'S CUT TO THE CHASE.

DO YOU THINK IT'S ALRIGHT FOR A PLAYER TO ACT LIKE THAT TOWARDS THE COACH...?

NOW, NOW, TOBE-SAN.

EVEN IF HE IS A KLUTZ...

KOMORI, YOU!?

WHO WAS THAT? THE ONE WHO SAID "KLUTZ" NOW!!

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LISTEN, YOU...

MMPH

<SFX LAUGHTED>

YOUR FACE IS BRIGHT-RED, SAKURA-SAN.

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DA HA HA

LIKE WE CAN SE-RIOUSLY LISTEN TO YOU LIKE THAT!!

THIS IS TOO MUCH.

DON'T YOU FEEL SORRY FOR SAKURA?

HEY YOU, LEAVE IT AT THAT.

HEY..

H...

UNCOOL! SO UNCOOL, SAKURA-SAN.

ARE YOU A MIDDLE-SCHOOLER? GYAHA-HA!

DON'T WORRY, SAKURA.

WE THOROUGHLY WENT THROUGH YOUR STRATEGY IN THE MEETING BEFORE, ALL OF US HAVE MEMORIZED IT COMPLETELY.

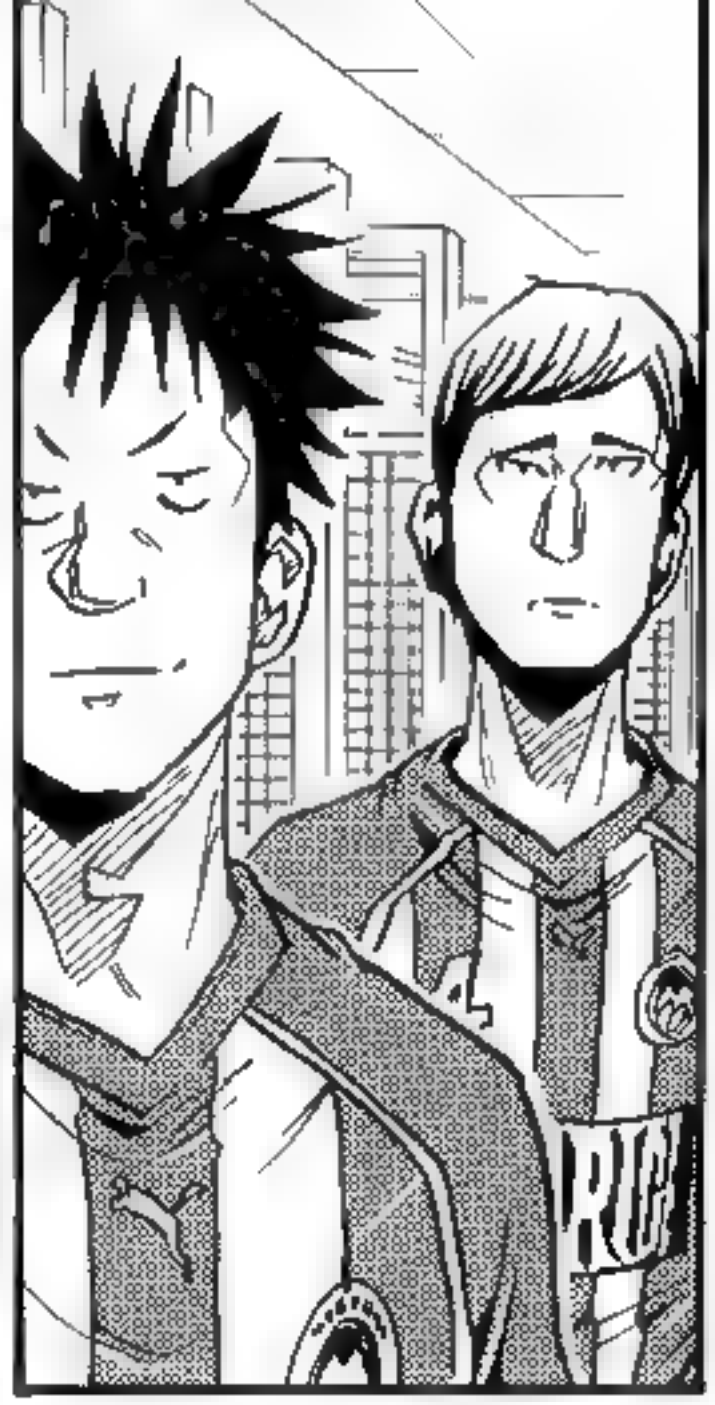
KE-KEN.

"FEEL SORRY" ...

OUR PLAYERS CAN TAKE PRIDE IN ABILITY TO CONCENTRATE ON THE PITCH.

SAKURA, EVEN YOU KNOW THAT, RIGHT?

MOREOVER, EVEN IF THEY FOOL AROUND NOW...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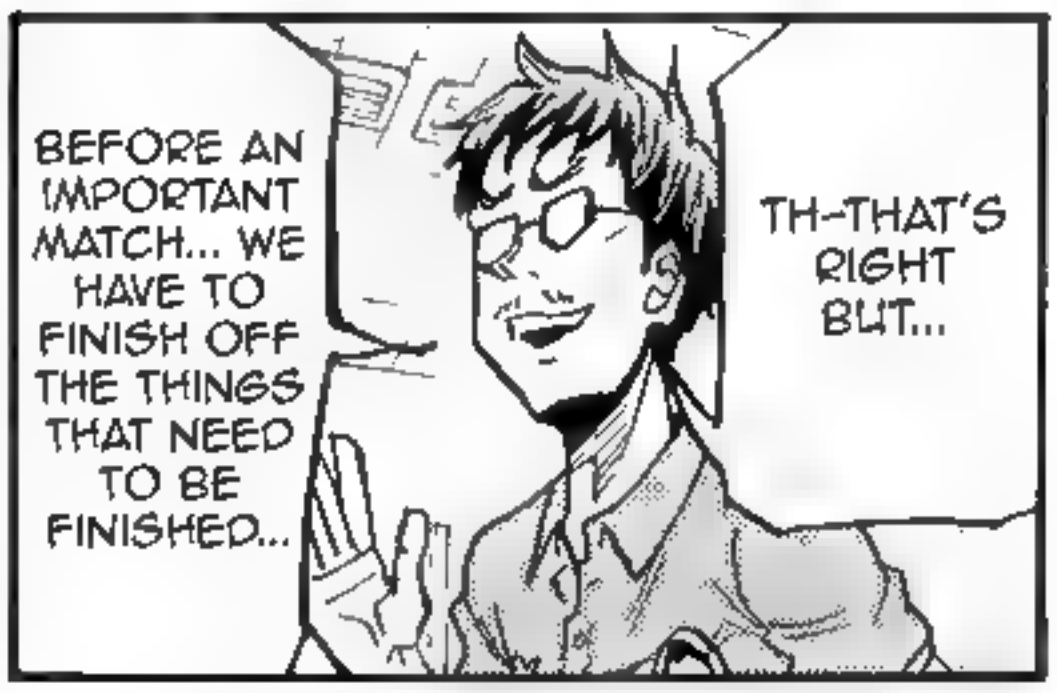
BEFORE AN IMPORTANT MATCH... WE HAVE TO FINISH OFF THE THINGS THAT NEED TO BE FINISHED...
TH-THAT'S RIGHT BUT...

WHEN YOU ARE OVERSERIOUS BEFORE THE FIGHT...
MENDES
THAT INDICATES "FEAR" OF THAT FIGHT.

TRANSLATE THIS, KEN.

SAKURA'S BEHAVIOR CLEARS OFF THE "FEAR" FROM US...

AND I KNOW THAT HE'S TRYING TO SEND US TO THE BATTLEFIELD IN A NATURAL CONDITION.

Y-YOU ARE OVER-ESTI-MATING ME...!

WE'LL REPRESENT YOUR WILL ON THE PITCH.

LEAVE THE REST TO US, SAKURA.

WHICH IS IT, SEKO.

BUT IT'S NOT THAT MENDES DOES NOT NOT NOT HAVE A POINT.

WELL, HE'S TERRIBLY OFF THE MARK,

IS WHAT HE SAYS.

GIVE IT YOUR ALL, MARU!

DON'T HIT ME, KAN-CHAN!

I'LL TELL ON YOU TO THE COACH-ES!

LET'S DO THIS PROPER-LY.

IT WON'T DO US ANY GOOD IF WE ALSO GET UNDERESTI-MATED BECAUSE OUR COACH LOOKS UN-RELIABLE.

AYE, NOMU-SAN!

ARE YOU READY?

OO-KAY.

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THE PLAYERS FINISHED IT ON THEIR OWN...

AGAIN I DIDN'T FINISH OFF THE MEETING...

YEAH!!

LET'S GO!!

THEY'LL DEFINITELY CARRY OUT THE JOB...!

AS IT WAS UNTIL NOW...!

BUT IT DOESN'T MATTER...

IF THE PLAYERS HAVE THAT LOOK...

MONTESA

I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO OUR GAME,

TATTSUMI.

JF 009

WH...

HE'S SOME-WHAT... RIGHT.

LIKE YOU WERE BULLIED AND CRIED?

YOUR EYES ARE RED?

YO,

SAKKURA.

OR YOU GOT BLOOD-SHOT EYES FROM SLEEPLESS NIGHT?

UH-OH.

BOTH OF US HAVE TO BE CAREFUL SO WE DON'T NOD OFF ON THE BENCH.

TATTSUMI, TOO. YOU HAVE PUFFY EYES AND LOOK SLEEPY.

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WERE YOU WORKING ON A COUNTER-MEASURE FOR US?

WERE YOU SEARCHING FOR OUR WEAK-NESSES?

CAFE

PLEASE DON'T WORRY, TATTSUMI.

WE'LL SHOW YOU SUCH FOOTBALL

THAT WILL BLOW AWAY YOUR SLEEPINESS.

HEH.

YOU SAID IT, SAKKURA.

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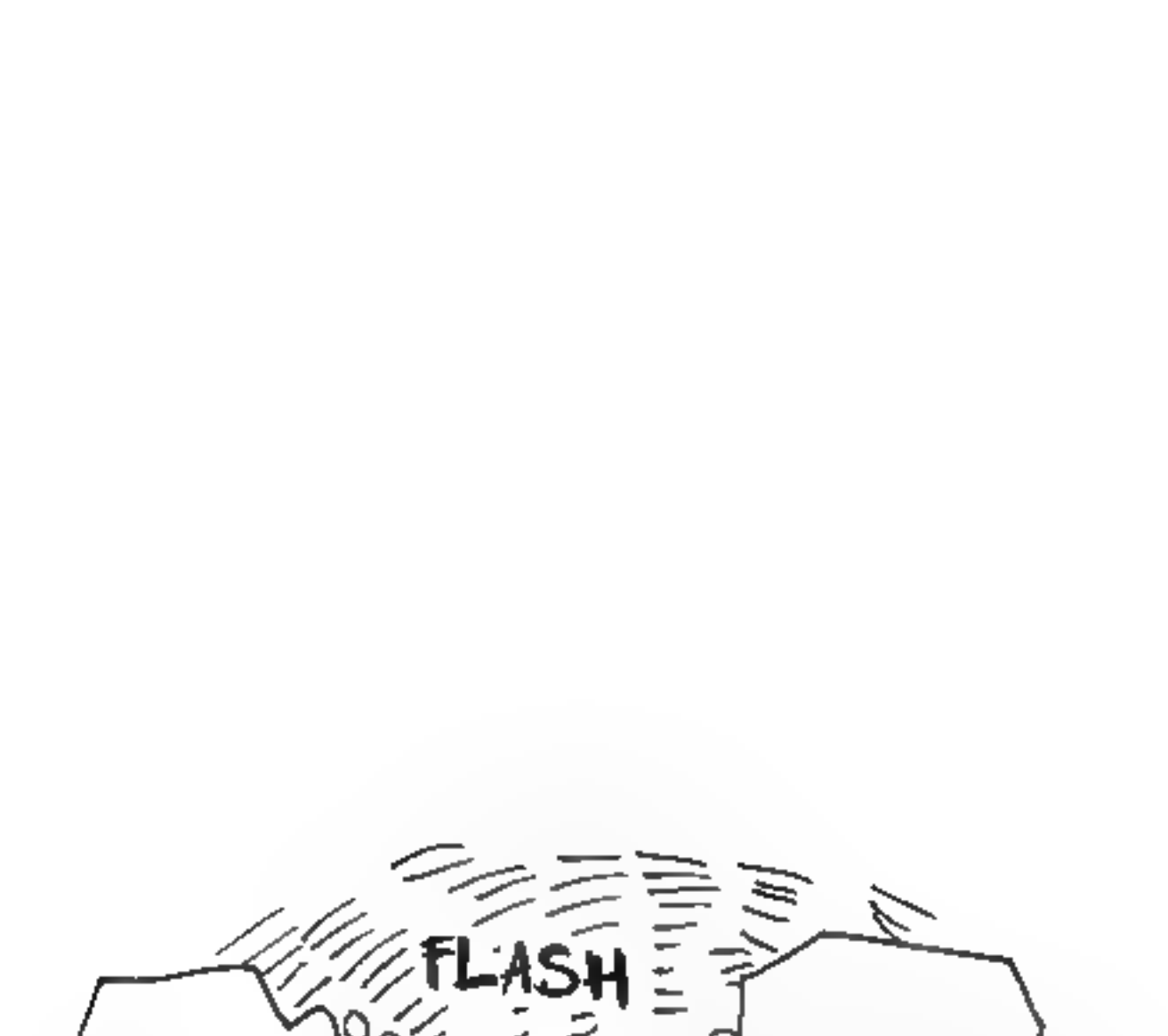
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What weirdos!
Adults of this age still calling each other Tatsumi and Sakkura...
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THAT WILL BLOW AWAY YOUR SLEEPINESS, TATTSUMI.

WE'LL SHOW YOU SUCH FOOTBALL

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YOU SAID IT, SAKKURA.

HEH.

LET'S PLAY ALL OUT WITH NO REGRETS.

THEN,

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SHOCK

NOW I'VE SAID IT!!!

SUCH AN OUTRAGEOUS THING!!

B-BUT I SAID WHAT I HAD TO SAY...!

sizzle

BECAUSE I CAME HERE

I CAN'T JUST BE IN ADMIRATION FOREVER

YEAH

BA DUMP BA DUMP

THE COACH IS SWEATING EXCESSIVELY!! OXYGEN!!

TO DEFEAT HIM...!!

HMPH.

COACH SAKURA LOOKED QUI~TE SPIRITED.

HE FEELS CONFIDENT BECAUSE HIS TEAM IS DOING WELL.

WELL...

STOMP

IF HE COMES AT ME ALL CHEEKY...

WHUT!

I WANT OUR ASSISTANT COACH, WHO OFTEN MISTAKES CONFIDENCE FOR PRIDE, TO FOLLOW HIS EXAMPLE TOO...

Gr...

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KEN-KEN AS A STARTER IS UNEXPECTED BUT WE HAVE A STRATEGY HOW TO DEAL WITH HIM.

PLAYING WITH 2 YOUNG FOR-WARDS IS RIGHT ON MARK OF MY EXPECTA-TIONS..

sparkle

HE'S TELLING ME TO OUTSMART HIM, RIGHT.

YOU COM-PLETELY LOOK DOWN ON HIM...

SAKKURA

BUT AS I RECALL COACH SAKURA IS OLDER.

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OOH... IT'S THEM...

#15 AND #23...

MOST OF IT IS WITHIN MY EXPEC-TATIONS.

AS PLANNED WE'LL SEIZE THE INITIATIVE FROM THE START...!

WELL, THAT'S THE CASE, KURO-SAN.

DO THEY THINK WE DON'T HAVE SPEED!?

LOOK-ING DOWN ON US!

IT'S JUST LIKE TATSUMI-SAN SAID.

THEY CHOSE FORWARDS BASED ON SPEED.

YOU HAVE TO BE CAREFUL... TO NOT GET A CARD IF YOU GO IN FROM BEHIND WHEN THEY SHAKE YOU OFF.

IF YOU DON'T COOP-ERATE WELL WITH THE MIDFIELD, YOU WON'T GET AROUND THE OPPONENT.

WHAT ABOUT THE FRONT?

YAAAGH

THE HELL YOU SAY, SANO! BLUNTLY MAKING FUN OF ME!

YO-YOU BAS-TARD!!

PLEASE, DEFEND LIKE THAT TOO.

NOW, NOW, NOW, NOW! HAVE HOPE IN ME!

LOOKING GOOD, SANO-SAN...!

HE DOESN'T FLINCH IN FRONT OF KURODA-SAN...!

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LAST TIME, I WAS STOPPED BY THAT GUY MENDES...

W-WHAT'S WITH THAT GLARE...! GINO!

BECAUSE YOU DON'T SCORE WHEN PEOPLE EXPECT YOU TO.

SO THAT'S THE OTHER SIDE OF EX-PECTATIONS IN SOME SENSE.

A GREAT SHAPE ME WILL BEAT SOMEONE LIKE MENDES WITH A BANG!

BUT THAT WAS ME JUST AFTER I CAME BACK...!

'KAY. READY?

LET'S GO

EVEN BY ONE POSITION.

TO GET THE 3 POINTS, AND RAISE OUR STANDING,

BUT WE ONLY HAVE TO DO ONE THING.

NEITHER DORI-SAN NOR TSUBAKI, WHO ALWAYS PLAYED BEFORE, WILL BE IN THIS GAME.

THE OPPO-NENT'S DE-FENSE IS SOLID,

BUT THERE'S NO GAME WITHOUT MISTAKES IN 90 MINUTES.

AND BELIEVE.

WE CAN WIN.

THERE SURELY WILL BE AN OPENING SOME-WHERE.

DON'T MISS THAT OPENING.

FOCUS.

LET'S GO!!

YEAH!!

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HMM
...

MURATA-SAN, WHY ARE YOU GETTING SWEPT AWAY JUST BY THAT?!

WE DON'T, RIGHT?

NOPE

EVEN WE HAVE ENOUGH PRES-ENCE!

LOOKS LIKE ETU HAS MORE PRESENCE THAN AT OUR LAST GAME...

BUT THERE ISN'T THAT MUCH DIFFER-ENCE IN RANKS

BE CONFI-DENT

WE'VE ALWAYS BEEN SAYING THIS, HAVEN'T WE.

THIS TEAM WILL BECOME STRONG WITHOUT A DOUBT.

MENDES AND I, WHO HAVE SEEN MANY DIFFERENT TEAMS BY NOW, ARE SAYING THAT.

YOU MAY AS WELL BELIEVE US

KEN-SAN...

.....

AND THAT KEN-SAN IS SAYING SUCH THINGS...

KAN-CHAN, DO YOU REALIZE IT!?

KEN-SAN IS THE PRIDE OF THE JAPA-NESE FOOT-BALL WORLD!?

IT'S ANNOYING WHEN YOU OCCA-SIONALLY GET IN-TENSIVE...

IT'S NOT JUST 'WE CAN DO IT'!!

IT FEELS LIKE WE ARE INVINCI-BLE!!

WHEN KEN-SAN SAYS SO,

IT FEELS STRAN-GELY LIKE WE CAN DO IT...

LET'S KEEP OUR FOCUS

AND PLAY HARD AS ALWAYS

OKAY, WITH MARU GETTING SPIRITED...

LET'S DO IT ONCE MORE.

TO ANSWER THIS SUPPORT AT HOME TOO,

LET'S WIN!!!

YEAH!!!

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LAST TIME YAMAGATA CAUGHT UP IN THE SECOND HALF!!

THIS TIME DON'T RELAX EVEN FOR A MOMENT!

BAM BAM BAM

BAM BAM BAM

EITU!!

EITU!!

OKU!

HOTTA-SAN!

DEDO

DEDO

YAMAGATA BUILT SOLID DEFENSE AND WAITS FOR AN OPENING...

ONE GOAL WILL MEAN EVERYTHING IN THAT GAME.

IF ONE TEAM PLAYS WITH A SOLID DEFENSE...

HM...

WILL THE FIRST HALF CONTINUE LIKE THIS?

WELL, MAYBE.

THIS SUMMER LOST ITS BRAZILIAN ACE STRIKER WHEN HE WAS SOLD.

TO MAKE MATTERS WORSE, YAMAGATA UNFORTUNATELY...

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THAT'S WHY, NOW,

WHEN THEIR ATTACKING ABILITY IS REDUCED BY HALF...

FOR MARUOKA IT'S THE FIRST TIME AS A STARTER,

AND IT'S HARSH TO SUDDENLY BE EXPECTED TO BRING RESULTS.

TODAY'S STARTERS KANNO AND MARUOKA

ARE YOUNGSTERS WHO WERE ONLY PLAYED MIDWAY AS SUBSTITUTES IN THIS SEASON...

THAT TATSUMI TAKESHI

JUST HOW WILL HE TRY TO BREAK IT DOWN?

YAMAGATA MUST WANT TO PREVENT CONCEDING GOALS MORE THAN EVER...

AND WITH THIS HARDENED WALL,

IF BOTH TEAMS START THE GAME SMOOTHLY.

IT'LL ONLY BECOME A COMPETITION FOR ONE GOAL

THAT'S TO SAY, FUJISAWA-CHAN,

IF EITHER OF THEM SHOWS A WEAKNESS EARLY IN THE GAME,

IT MAY BE SETTLED RATHER EARLY.

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GLANCE

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DAM

NO OTHER TEAM WOULD SIT THIS DEEP

EVEN WHEN WE AREN'T ATTACKING.

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BUT WHEN YOU FIND THE RIGHT TIMING,

YOU CAN TAKE YOUR TIME.

AKAASAKI

smirk

BELIEVE THAT THE BALL WILL COME

AND RUN TO THE BACK.

THE INSECT ATTACK"

AND THE TIMING IS PERFECT"

HEH

NO OFFSIDE!!

ETU SUDDENLY HAS A CHANCE!!

OKAY!!

GOO!!!

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WOO
OO
Look, Fujisawa-chan!
Just after I said it!!
So an-noying

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NICE, PRINCE!!

A CHANCE RIGHT AT THE START...!!

RIGHT ON!

SERA!!

NATSUKI IS IN A GREAT POSITION TOO!!

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COME, SERA!!!

THIS IS THE PLACE!

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AND I EVEN AIMED FOR A SPOT THAT COULD RESULT IN AN OWN GOAL...!

SHIT.

'KAY!!

NEXT! NEXT!!

IT'S A CORNER! OUR CHANCE GOES ON!

GREAT BLOCK, OHKURA!!

SHORT CORNER !!

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WHAM

BAM!!

DEDO

IT'S IN!

AND THE ONE ON THE END IS...

HOTTA!!

SECOND BALL!

CLEAR IT

!!

HE'LL SHOOT!!

ISHIGAMI!!

KHN...

HE MISSED!!!

GOOFIE

NO, NO NO

EEH !?

WHAT'S WITH THIS DEVEL-OPMENT

UWOH

ETU ALREADY HAS A SECOND SET PLAY!!

COR-NER!?

SO IT HIT KANNO'S LEG...!?

.....

THEY'RE NOT LETTING YAMAGATA OUT OF THEIR OWN HALF...!

THEY ARE ATTACKING... ETU IS AT-TACKING!

DO THEY INTEND TO TAKE THE OPENING GOAL BEFORE LETTING YAMAGATA DO ANYTHING!!

HEH.

YOU'RE DOING GREAT!!

RATTLE THEM, RATTLE THEM.

MAKE THE OPPONENT CONFUSED.

CONTROL THE 90 MINUTES AT YOUR PACE, ETU!

PRESS THEM LIKE THAT...

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SHORT CORNER AGAIN!

STRAIGHT-EN THE LINE!!

WILL HE DELIVER IT IN...!?

OR....

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AKA-
SAKI!!

HE CUT
THROUGH!!

AAH!!

EAST TOKYO UNIT

TOKYO

IT WAS STOPPED !!

GET BACK! BACK!

IT'S ALRIGHT, NOMU-SAN.

LET'S CALM DOWN FOR A MOMENT HERE AND GO SLOW.

IT WAS QUITE A GOOD SPIRITED ATTACK...

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FOR A GREETING...

TRANSI-TIONING IN THIS MATCH IS ESSEN-TIAL!

THERE'S NO PROBLEM AT ALL, MENDES.

HEH.

THANKS TO THAT, WE TOO...

WE, AS ALWAYS...

WE WERE ABLE TO BLOCK THE ATTACKS NOW NOT BECAUSE OF AN OPPONENT'S MISTAKE,

BUT BECAUSE WE SHUT THEM OUT.

REALIZED THAT THE BATTLE HAS ALREADY STARTED.

HAVE MADE A GOOD START.

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COACH! YOU'RE TOO RE-LIEVED!

Haaa~~

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SHAPE UP, MARU!

DON'T BECOME STIFF JUST BECAUSE IT'S YOUR FIRST TIME AS A STARTER!

STOP BEING SO LOUD, KAN-CHAN! IT'S EM-BARASSING!

I ANTICIPATED THAT YOU'D COME AT US RIGHT FROM THE START, BUT...

WOW... YOU'VE SUR-PRISED ME, TATTSUMI...

.....

WE'VE ENDURED MANY FIERCE ATTACKS FROM POW-ERFUL OP-PONENTS...

UNTIL NOW

IT'S CLEAR THAT YOU ARE REALLY TRYING TO BREAK OUR DEFENSE...

TAT-TSU-MI...

THIS... IF YOU COME WITH SUCH WIDELY VARIED ATTACKS,

WE WON'T BE BROKEN SO EASILY

IF YOU DON'T SHOW AN ATTACK BETTER THAN THAT,

GATTA GATTA

AS EXPECTED OLD OPPONENT-SAN HAS A GOOD DEFENSE

MMM

WE MANAGED TO ATTACK QUITE WELL, BUT

WELL, IT'S FINE.

I'M NOT AFRAID IF YOU ONLY DEFEND.

TA-DA

THAT ANNOY-ING BAS-TARD ...

IS SUDDENLY STANDING THERE FULL OF CONFI-DENCE

I KNOW THEY ARE NOT AN OPPONENT WHO CAN BE BROKEN BY SUCH TRIFLES.

DO YOU REALIZE IT, SAKKURA?

THERE'S NO RULE

IN THIS SPORT THAT MEANS YOU CAN WIN WHILST CONFINED TO YOUR HALF

HEH.

THE MOMENT THEY LOSE THE BALL...

YAMAGATA PROMPTLY GETS IN THEIR DE-FENSIVE FORMATION.

OKAY! THEY STOLE IT!

AS EXPECTED OF THE TEAM THAT HAS BEEN FIGHTING WITH LOW SCORES,

THEIR SWITCHING BETWEEN OFFENSE AND DE-FENSE IS DISCI-PLINED.

TATSUMI TAKESHI,

HOW DO YOU PLAN TO TAKE THE GOALS... AGAINST YAMAGATA?

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FOR ETU TSUBAKI'S ABSENCE TODAY

MAY BE EVEN BIGGER THAN WE EXPECTED.

IF TSUBAKI WAS THERE, ETU COULD'VE HAD A DIRECT ATTACK THROUGH THE MIDDLE...

BUT TODAY THERE'S NO PLAYER WITH SUCH BREAK-THROUGH POWER IN THE MIDFIELD...

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"IF TSUBAKI WAS HERE"... ARE YOU THINKING THAT AGAIN, FUJISAWA-CHAN?

N... I'M NOT!!

AND ANOTHER THING WORTH SEEING...

WELL,

I GET IT THOUGH.

HOW WILL ETU TEAR YAMAGATA FROM ITS GOAL IS WORTH SEEING.

GET NEAR ETU'S GOAL?

IS HOW WILL YAMAGATA, THAT IS KNOWN FOR ALWAYS DEFENDING,

EH?

WELL, WELL.

YOU HAVE QUITE AN INNOCENT FACE.

YOU SEEM TO AROUSE MATERNAL INSTINCT.

YOU'D BE POPULAR WITH OLDER LADIES.

I-IT'S THE FIRST TIME I'M TOLD THIS...!!

AH!! I'M SUDDEN-LY FULL OF HOPE...!

INDEED I... AM ALRIGHT WITH OLDER LADIES...

SHINES

R...

REALLY!?

PAT

AH... YES

EXCUSE ME FOR A MO-MENT

!!

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!!

WHY ARE YOU JUST STANDING THERE, MARU!!

A GOOD PASS!!

NATSUKI!!

GAH!

THIS IS A DUEL, MENDES!!

YOU MISSED THE TRAP!!

IDIOT !!

NO

IT'S PERFECT FOR HIM

THIS IS THE BEST BALL FOR ME....!!

I CAN SHOOT...!

.....!

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ruined...

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NATSUKI!!

I CAN SHOOT...!

THIS IS THE BEST BALL FOR ME.....!!

HE JUMPED!

GOO!!

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UWOO-
OOH!!

KIZUNA GROUP
W!
OEJO

NAKANO!

MENDES IS STRONG!!

AAA-ACK!

WHAT A BUILD THAT BRAZILIAN HAS!!

HE SENT MATSUKI FLYING!

YES!

ST...

TSK.

THAT DAMN GIANT.

A COUN-TER IS COMING!!

DEFEND IT! DEFENSE!!

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LET'S GO

HERE IT IS! ATA'S SPECIALITY, THE COUNTER.

KANNON

!!

ISN'T SLOWING DOWN...!

BECAUSE HE DIDN'T KILL THE SPEED!

THE TOUCH IS LONG!!

IS HE GOING TO TAKE THE BALL AT THIS SPEED...!?

CUT TOWARDS GOAL!

UWO-OOH!

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DO...

RYAAA

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KH

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I LOST MY MARK...!!

SOC

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!!

THAT DAMN LADY-KILLER...!!

HE EMBAR-RASSED ME!!!

I'LL DEFINITELY REPAY YOU FOR MAKING FUN OF ME WITH A GOAL!!

EEEK !?

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FLOP

OWAH

boing

ALL RIGHT!

ナイスアシスト!!

NICE, SANÓ!

HOTTA 8

TOKYO

TOKYO

ET

THEY KEEP FALLING DOWN BY THEM-SELVES!!

WHAT'S WITH YAMAGATA'S 2 FOR-WARDS!!

DOWA-HAHA!!

HILARI-OUS!

KAN-CHAN, I MADE MYSELF DOUBLY RIDICU-LOUS.

GRRRR...

THEIR AT-TACKS AREN'T SCARY ANY MORE!

IT FEELS LIKE I'M BURNING WITH SHAME

IT DIDN'T GO WELL, BUT YOU GUYS PROPERLY DEMONSTRATED YOUR STRENGTHS.

IT'S FINE LIKE THIS.

KEN-SAN

WHETHER OUR FEW CHANCES CAN LEAD TO GOALS DEPENDS ON YOUR THE FORWARDS, PERFOMANCE.

KEN-SAN

IT'S FINE TODAY YOU CAN DO IT

LET'S PLAY WITH CONFIDENCE AS WE DID JUST NOW.

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RUMBLE RUMBLE RUMBLE

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UWAH! I'M FIRED UP NOW, KAN-CHAN!!

I'LL DO IT!!

YOU SAID THAT "YOU'RE BURNING WITH SHAME" JUST A WHILE AGO...

THE MEANING IS DIFFERENT BUT YOU ARE SAYING SOMETHING SIMILAR.

THOSE 2 YOUNG FOR-WARDS...

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AS EX-PECTED,

INDEED, THEIR SPEED IS ALARMING, BUT...

THE LOSS OF THE BRAZILIAN FORWARD THIS SUMMER IS HURTING YAMAGATA.

UNFORTU-NATELY THEY APPEAR TO LACK THE EXPERI-ENCE.

IT'S TRUE THAT EXPERIENCE IS IMPORTANT...

BUT IT ALSO CAN HOLD YOU BACK.

HE'S HARSH...

HARSH...

OWAH!

WHY ARE YOU SO HIGH AND MIGHTY.

IF EXPERIENCE MEANS SO MUCH THEN MACCHAN SHOULD'VE BEEN A BETTER COACH THAN ME.

WHAT'S MORE IMPORTANT FOR A PLAYER

IS HOW MUCH HE CAN PLAY WITHOUT HESITATION ON THE PITCH.

"SPEED IS THE MOST EFFECTIVE DURING A COUNTER"...

THOSE GUYS ARE DOING JUST THAT.

THEY HAVE THE DETERMI-NATION TO ONLY BELIEVE IN THAT.

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YAMAGATA IS SAID TO BE LOW ON TALENTED PLAYERS...

WELL, THEY'RE NOT JUST ABOUT SPEED,

THAT'S PROBA-BLY WHY SAKKURA USES THEM...

WITH DECISIVE PLAY THAT DEMONSTRATE THEIR STRONG POINTS...

BUT THEY HAVE SEVERAL PLAYERS

WHO BECOME A THREAT TO THE OPPO-NENTS WITH THAT...

OH MY, THE ATTACK LAST TIME WAS CLOSE, HUH.

OLDER LADIES KILLER.

SHOULD I INTRO-DUCE YOU THEN?

I-I WAS...

NEVER POPULAR WITH OLDER WOMEN SO FAR...

GRRR. I WON'T BE TRICKED AGAIN!

BE-CAUSE...

THOSE WERE FALSE WORDS TO MIS-LEAD ME!

HAHAHA. WHAT A JOY.

YOU GET TRICKED TOO MUCH, MARU!!

DAMN

OWAWAWAH!! DANGER!!

ARE THEY TRYING TO BREAK US SLOWLY?

THEIR MIDFIELDERS ARE ATTACKING CAREFULLY, HUH.

IT'S STILL OUR PACE IF THEY STRUGGLE TO ATTACK.

NO MATTER HOW MUCH THE OTHER SIDE HAS THE BALL,

I'M NOT AFRAID IF THEY ONLY CONNECT SIDE-TO-SIDE PASSES.

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GINO, MURAKOSHI AND HOTTA WERE THE 3 PEOPLE WHO LED THE MIDFIELD UNTIL LAST YEAR.

THEIR CO-ORDINATION SHOULD BE PERFECT.

LET'S STOP PUTTING ON A BRAVE FRONT, COACH.

THEY ARE JUST TAKING THEIR TIME TO LOOK FOR AN OPENING...

I-I-I-I KNOW THAT! BUT STILL THERE ARE TIMES WHEN YOU'D WANT TO BELIEVE THAT!!

WH-!!?

SEE, THEY WENT FOR A DIRECT ATTACK

UWOH.

AS EX-PECTED IT'S TIGHT.

TO

WHAT'S WITH HIM!!

NARROW IT! NARROW!!

HE ANNOYINGLY GETS IN THE WAY

NICE SUPPORT, SERA!!

IF THE INSIDE IS PACKED...

THERE'S THE OUTSIDE...!!

SHOOOT, HOTTAA!!

HOTTA

YEAH!!!

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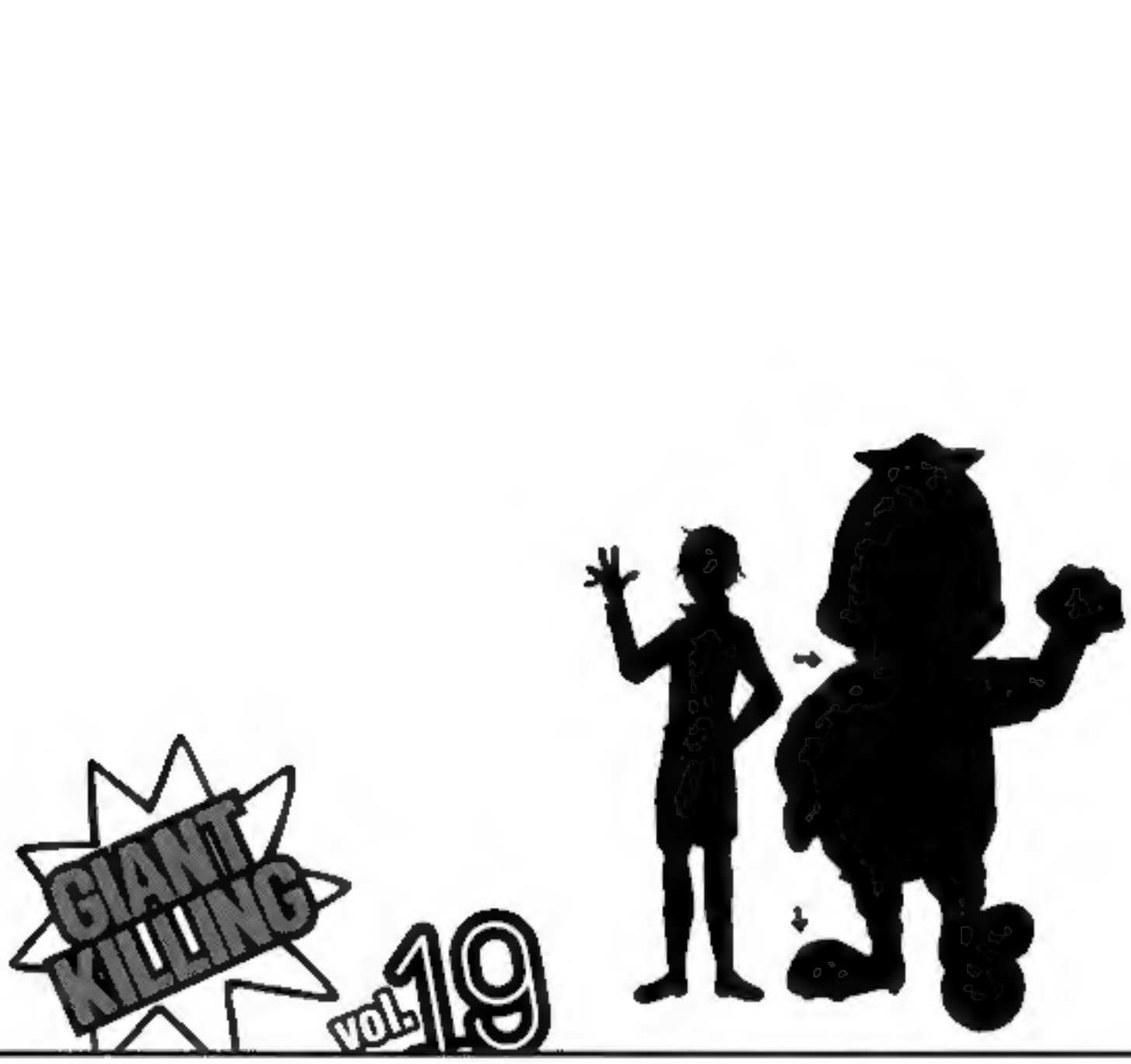

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